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Whitehall cars go green in

> By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR

Blair's

gas drive

TONY BLAIR has ordered that ministerial cars should be powered by environmentallyfriendly natural gas fuel. About 30 cars will switch to

the new fuel at first, but eventually the 175-strong fleet of ministerial and pool cars will all be run on a green fuel. saving about 20p on a litre of

petrol. The move is part of the Government's pledge to "green" Whitehall and to help to restore quality air. The gas fuels reduce smog and other

Exempted from the move are the petrol-guzzling, armour-plated Daimlers and Jaguars used by Mr Blair and his deputy, John Prescott. For security and cost reasons they will remain petrol-driven until

they are replaced, but their successors will run on gas. The first 30 government cars will switch from petrol in the new year when they will move on compressed natural gas, CNG, or liquefied petroleum gas, LPG. The rest of the fleet will convert within six years as vehicles are replaced. Mr Blair himself also has

the use of a gas-powered Rover left by John Major in the Downing Street pool. The Downing Street people-carri-er, a Ford Galaxy used by the Blair family as well as by the Prime Minister and his senior aides, was converted to LPG two months ago.

One problem for ministers is that a gas tank runs for only about 150 miles and there are only 18 gas refuelling stations in the country. Government cars will fill up with gas at their depot in Vauxhall, south Sir James, she said, had an London. So all the cars will keep a petrol tank and will be able to switch fuels in emergencies.

£3,000 to convert a car to



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UN pulls out inspection team

'Invincible' is prepared for Gulf action

By MICHAEL EVANS AND MICHAEL BINYON

BRITAIN was preparing las night to send a potent strike force to the Gulf to support the Americans in any military

action against Iraq. The aircraft carrier HMS Invincible, armed with six Sea. Harriers, was ordered to steam from Barbados to Gibraltar and prepare to take on board six RAF Harrier GR7s.

The announcement of a British naval deployment came after the summary expulsion of six American Uniectors from Baghdad and the UN's resultant decision to withdraw almost the entire inspection team.

HMS Invincible will reach Gibraltar by Wednesday, ac-companied by a tanker. If the Government decides to deploy the RAF Harriers, they will join the ship in Gibraltar. These are more powerful and have a longer range than the Sea Harriers. They carry la-ser-guided bombs and are capable of low-level attacks at night. A decision to send them

is expected this weekend.
It would be the first time since the Second World War that a Royal Navy carrier had RAF aircraft on board for an operational mission - although the Harrier GR7 has been used in a number of training exercises with Royal Navy carriers over the past 12

Once room is made for the GR7s by removing Sea Harriers and helicopters, the carrier will be ready to head for the Gulf and she could be in place by next weekend.

Mr Clinton, who met his

national security team yesterday, called Iraq's expulsion of the weapons inspectors an unacceptable challenge to the international community, and declared: "I intend to pursue this matter in a very deter-mined way." Bill Richardson, the US ambassador to the UN, warned of grave consequences and all American forces in the Gulf — 2,000 personnel, 17 warships and 200 aircraft —

were on full alert. Tony Blair and Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, discussed the crisis during talks at Downing Street and both strongly supported a tough allied stance.

Madeleine Albright, the
American Secretary of State,
will hold talks with the Govwhen she arrives in

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, condemned Iraq's "latest act of obstruction", but said it was not too late for President Saddam Hussein to respond to the will of the international community. while George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, described the Invincible's move as "a

precautionary measure". Last night, however, only the US and Britain from the 36-nation Gulf war coalition appeared to be preparing for a military confrontation with.

Iraq. Other European allies

condemned the Iraqi action, but there were no offers of military help.

Arab leaders called on

Saddam to avoid a new conflict, but warned Washington against an attack. Several former key allies, such as Saudi Arabia and Turkey, have indicated that they would not allow their bases to be used by American or British forces for a fresh strike against

Iraq. Saddam ordered out the six. American weapons inspectors after meeting his top military officials and putting his country on a war footing. Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, accused the inspectors of spying and told Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, that Iraq was not scared by American threats. He also denounced as unjust the Security Council resolu-tion on Wednesday barning Iraqi officials from travelling and prolonging sanctions for at least six months.

The UN responded to the expulsion order by amouncing that it was pulling out all but a handful of its 78 inspectors. The six Americans left last night, in spite of LIN demands that they be allowed to fly out with the rest of the inspection staff - which includes ten Britons - today.

About six Chilean helicopter technicians will be left behind to form a skeleton staff at a UN monitoring centre, and all inspections have been sus-pended. Richard Butler, the UN chief arms inspector, said: "We will not accept this illegal separation of nationalities."



Jemima Khan arriving at St John's, Smith Square, in London yesterday for the memorial service for her father

Goldsmith - and all that jazz

THE early warning was delivered right at the beginning by Sir David Frost, who introservice in London for the late Sir James Goldsmith at St John's. Smith Square, by saying that it was not going to be

a religious occasion. Goldsmith, who died in Spain in July, was not a religious man, but he was a spiritual one. The 700 guests who gathered to celebrate his remarkably multi-faceted life found themselves in an atmosphere more akin to carnival

than church, punctuated by. jazz, a Mexican mariachi band and impromptu dancing. It

The make-up of the audi-

faces that reflected Gold-

ence - they could hardly be called a congregation - reflected the fullest of lives. There were his two surviving wives, Lady Annabel Goldsmith and Ginette Lery, and a clutch of his children led by his daughter Jemima, accompanied by her husband Imran Khan. Aides said that Laure Boulay de la Meurthe, Goldsmith's long-standing mis-

tress, had been asked by the

smith's business and political life: the media owners Rupert Murdoch and Conrad Black. Lord McAlpine, who is now the figurehead of the Referendum Party: the leading Eurosceptic Tory MP Bi Cash; and former MPs Neil Hamilton and Jonathan

Baroness Thatcher, in a tribute to the buccaneering millionaire businessman turned Eurosceptic and founder of the Referendum Party, said that Sir James was

walk of life he trod had failed to bear his imprint.

She acknowledged that his business activities had once elicited a chorus of disapprov al, but she said: "I never felt tempted to join the chorus for capitalism, remember, depends on the challenge of competition, not the complacency of corporatism."

intellectual clarity which he brought to bear on politics as much as business, but he also had the guts, which were just as important as wealth in Continued on page 2, col 4

It costs between £2,000 and

Rowing pair are rescued

Two British brothers who were lost at sea for six days during a transatiantic rowing race were rescued yesterday.

Matthew and Edward

Boreham tried to signal that they were in trouble, believing that they had been aimlessly rowing in circles after losing

The long wait

A young footballer who had a trial for Manchester United in the summer of 1950 had to wait years before he re-ceived a letter from the club's talent scout asking him back

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Let Labour keep my £1m, car racing chief tells watchdog

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND ANDREW PIERCE

THE motor racing chief at the centre of the political donations row has appealed to the public standards watchdog to allow Labour to keep the El million he gave it before the general election. Bernie Ecclestone says in a

letter to The Times today that the advice to the Government from Sir Patrick Neill to pay back the money is a "gross, insulting and irrational" restriction of his freedom. Mr Ecclestone, who offered a second gift to Labour after the election, states that there

were "no strings attached" to his donation to the party. He says that he regards Tony Blair as "a person of excep-tional ability" and made the donation to help him become more independent from old fashioned vested interests in the Labour movement."

The letter is the latest bizarre twist in a story that is still piling embarrassment on Mr Blair after the Government's decision to exempt Pormula One racing from the



tobacco advertising ban. Mr Ecclestone has appealed to Sir Patrick for him to reconsider his decision and is understood to be so upset over his treatment that he may not even pay the £1 million into his bank account when Labour sends it back.

He may leave it untouched

- and technically still in Labour's possession - until his appeal to Sir Patrick has been considered. He says in The Times that he has just paid an annual tax bill of £27 million for the privilege of living in England rather than a tax haven. With so large an investment it is reasonable to pay a million or two extra" as a contribution. to a free and independent

change of letters between last Friday and Monday. This followed pressure from Sir Patrick on the Government to reveal the full contents, in the wake of the disclosure in The Times yesterday that there hari been a second offer.

The letters confirm that Labour, in approaching Sir Patrick last Friday, was more concerned about the propriety of the potential second donation than the first. Downing Street and Labour headquarters were stunned when Sir Patrick advised the return of the first donation - he had not been told it was as big as £1 million - but had no choice Confinued on page 2, col 4

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Volkswagen may bid for Rolls Royce

By Jason Nisse

VOLKSWAGEN, the German car group, seemed poised yes-terday to make a bid for Rolls Royce, which Vickers wants to sell for a likely £400 million. BMW, which supplies en-

gines for Rolls Royces, is the favourite bidder, with Daimler Benz, Fiat. Chrysler and Ford also expressing interest. VW had not been expected to bid. Earlier this year, when it launched a £2.4 billion fundraising issue, it said it was not in the market for acquisitions.

However, VW called off the issue last month, and yesterday it said: "In the light of recent developments in the world capital markets, Volkswagen no longer rules out making an acquisition or tak-

ing a stake in its core business area." But the company rewas bidding for Rolls Royce.



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to do if the gifts are government for my country". Leading article and Labour and Sir Patrick last fused to say whether or not it night published their ex-Yes ministers, Humphrey's gone to the country

WHITEHALL EDITOR HE was once presumed dead. only to reappear to spend more time with his top family. But yesterday Humphrey the

Downing Street car left the Government for good. The change of administra tion and a prime ministerial family none too partial to felines have taken their toll. His exit from public life was deliberately quiet - on medical advice as he has a kidney

Yesterday afternoon the 11year-old slipped out of the Cabinet Office for the last

time. His precise destination

is an official secret but he has

member from the accommodation unit. One theory last night was that rather than opt for the Chiltern Hundreds, he had gone to try country life down in Sussex.

Yesterday he left with his essential accountements — his basket, litter tray and favourite toy mouse. However, his departure from frontline politics was not accompanied by the traditional exchange of tributes. There was no personil statement from the Prime Minister or Mrs Blair, nor a final miaow from Humphrey. The black and white

survivor of changing political

fortunes may have met his

match when Tony and Cherie Blair moved in Mrs Blair was said to dislike cats, thinking them unhygenic, though she coddled Humphrey in front of the cameras to prove her critics Wrong.

Staff at Number 10 and the Cabinet Office did issue a joint statement, saying. "We have all grown very fond of him but realise that he will be better off being cared for in a quiet environment away from the hustle and bustle of central London."

In the tradition of his namesake, Sir Humphrey Appleby, the fictional Permanent Secretary of BBC Television's Yes

Minister, Civil Scrvants

During the tenure of three prime ministers - Thatcher, Major and Blair - Humphrey, who arrived as a stray in 1989, meticulously ate all catfood brands lest the Government be accused of favouritism. Delicacies included Whitehall mice, and the Queen's ducklings from St

James's Park near by. Since the election he has led a hectic life, being mistaken for a stray and catnapped, and almost run over by President Clinton's bullet-proof Cadillac.

☐ Tailnote: Other cats need not apply for the post. It has



A fragrant army incapable of stepping out of line

wellian about new Labour women MPs. Where the men appear as harmless, bootlicking buf-. foons, the women are so unsmilingly synchronised, so nervelessly correct, so relentlessly unoriginal, as to be

Readers may recall The Stepford Wives. These were the bodies of women, with implanted brains: fault-free, personality-free. When a Stepford wife met a situation for which she was unprogrammed, her behaviour control mechanism would select

default option and go into a loop, repeating "I'll make some more cookies."

Have Peter Mandelson and his party managers conducted surgical operations on the new MPs, turning real women into lobotomised clones? By one means or another the party has provided itself with women who are not flesh and blood but constructed of soya-substitute.

These are Tony Blair's Stepford wives. They were horribly in evidence at Education and Employment Questions yesterday afternoon. Call me cynical, but I question



was coinicidence that, ranged immediately behind the Education ministers so as to fill the TV frame, sat two solid rows of women, nodding. Fourteen women clustered around the camera-focus of

It would be rude to name names. Suffice it to say that all were trim, slim, unobtrusively powdered and carefully breeze passing through a bed of variegated tulips. Occasionally one of them would ask a "question". None

of Government policy, the only permissible variation on dressed; all sat upright with copybook posture, appearing perfectly attentive to everythe theme of unmitigated thing ministers said. Whenever rapture being to ask ministers er a minister made a point whether, as what the Governwith any emphasis, all the ment was doing was so wonwomen nodded their beautiderful, they could possibly fully-coiffed heads - some arrange to do even more of it. blonde, some brunette, some faster, sooner, and on a yet auburn - in unison. When grander scale. When conthe blustery junior minister, Kim Howells, waxed passionlounded, a Blair wife says "my Rt Hon Friend is absoate, the effect on the Stepford

some more cookies."

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Having throughout the Tory years despaired of a House composed of Cecils, conveyed any hint of criticism Normans, Archies, and Cyrils, this sketch now faces a contrasting horror, a dread army of Julias, Melanies, Beverleys and Claires.

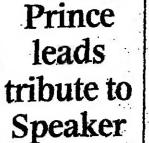
What chills the blood is not the blandness: if these were jelly-babies they would be powerless to harm. No, what unnerves is the prickling to the spine one used to experience when encountering Chilean customs officers. Behind the mask, a pitiless facility to

obey orders. In my night-mares these women march on me, phalanxes of them, all the

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Where Chinese emperors had their terracotta armies, Tony Blair has his Estée Lauder army, ciphers, to a woman, but threatening. Ann Taylor, Leader of the House, is their general - vanilla with a strangely bitter edge.

Into this fearsome harmony of simpering orthodoxy, the voice of Gillian Shephard, Shadow House Leader sharp, arch, original, clever, scratchy and sarcastic brings blessed discord.



IN BRIEF

Tony Blair led a congregation of 1,500 at a memorial service for Viscount Tonypandy, the former Speaker of the Commons, in Westminster Abber yesterday. Sir Patrick Cormack, MP, shadow deputy leader of the Commons and a close friend of the former George Thomas, said he would be remembered as a great Christian politician ale with Wilberforce and the Earl of Shaftesbury.

Jaguar hope

ment with Ford to build the new "baby" Jaguar X400 at Halewood, Mer-seyside, if Britain wins the deal, Ohio, USA, is competing for the work. A decision is due next year.

Student dies

A student at Sussex University in Brighton has died of meningitis. The 20-year-old undergraduate, who was studying engineering, is the sixth university student to die

Liquid asset

Girls who drink an extra half pint of milk a day could help to reduce their risk of brittle bones later in life, a study by the Centre for Human Nutrition at Sheffield University has found.

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IRA denies ritt The IRA has attempted to split with a statement insisting it was "intact, united and committed. It

said a few members closely associated with each other had resigned. Wilderness row Donald Dewar, Scottish secretary, angered con-

servationists by announcing that the Scottish Office had no objections to a £17 million plan for a funicular railway in the Cairngorms wilderness.

Hague attacked Edward McMillan-Scott, the leader of the Tory Euro MPs, has attacked William Hague over his plans to reform the party. He said the reform document was "ill-informed" about MEPs activities

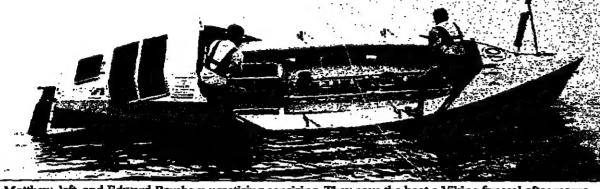
Gypsies return

A coachload of Czech Gypsies was sent back to Dover from London after seeking temporary no-commodation because they feared violence during a National Front march tomorrow.

CORRECTIONS

The 1995-96 private income of Selwyn College, Cambridge, was £899,228 and inc £88,938 as listed on Navember 8. The correct figure places Selwyn in the aniddle of the table of 23 colleges.

☐ Panasonic UK Ltd was if first Japanese owned cop pany to mark Armistice Day with a two-minute silence last year, a tribute repeated this year (report, November 10)



Matthew, left, and Edward Boreham practising capsizing. They gave the boat a Viking funeral after rescue

Rescued brothers had been rowing in circles for 21 days

By LIN JENKINS, STEPHEN FARRELL AND JOHN GOODBODY

TWO British brothers who were lost at sea for six days during a transatiantic rowing race gave their boat a fiery Viking burial after being rescued yesterday. Matthew and Edward

Boreham were a third of the way through the 3,000-mile voyage from Tenerife to Bar-

bados last Friday when they tried to signal that they were in trouble, believing that they had been aimlessly rowing in circles after losing all power and with it their navigation

Their boat, Spirit of Spelthorne, was finally located yesterday, six days later, after letting off an emergency beacon and rescued by the Challenge yacht. Edward, 31, speaking from very relieved. We only had about ten days of water left and when you set off a beacon. you do think, 'is anybody out there going to find us?"

He said they had first broadcast SOS signals when they thought they still had enough water to row to land. When that failed to alert help. they set off their tracking beacons, but after five days realised no one was coming to

the rescue boat, said: "We are the rescue, so activated their emergency beacon.

It was about one day and a half before the Hercules of the Portuguese forces located our smoke flares - a bottle of Scotch will be heading their way. We set off for the adventure of a lifetime and while we haven't completed the race, an adventure we certainly had."

with sails and in the galley. Last night Matthew, 28, spoke by satellite telephone from the race support yacht to his wife at their home in Sunbury, southwest London,

where she had been waiting with his parents for news of The brothers will stay on the yacht until it reaches Barba-dos in a month's time, helping

He gave a dramatic account of how the brothers believed they had been rowing in circles for 21 of their 33 days at

sea. When they tried to activate the distress signal on their tracking beacon it short-circuited. On Tuesday, when help had not arrived, they put their emergency beacon in the water, but its rope broke and it floated away.

Matthew's wife Alison hugs their eight-month-old daughter Georgina for joy

Steering by the stars and a sextant they found their progress hampered by heavy storms which sent them miles back in the direction from where they had come. "I'm sorry." Matthew told his wife. "I hope you were not too worried."

Edward, a warehouse manager, and Matthew, boatbuilder by training who has worked as a blacksmith doing complex ironwork for the past two years, rowed their boat 6,000 miles in training and spent hours at the local

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BANK OF SCOTLAND a friend for life

Ecclestone plea to watchdog

says that until the funding reforms are in place he should enjoy the same rights as everyone else. These include the right to make donations to

any political party I choose."

Max Mosley, president of the International Automobile Federation (FIA) and a close colleague of Mr Ecclestone, who accompanied him to talks with Mr Blair at Downing Street on October 16, said last night that Mr Ecclestone was acting to protect his reputation. He said: "As far as we are

sware this is the first time anyone has had a donation like this returned. Bernie does business all over the world and from outside the United Kingdom this will not be seen as reflecting well on him. He does not believe he has been

yesterday that Mr Blair had known that Mr Ecclestone had offered a second donation when he met him on October

It was not until last Friday that Labour wrote to Sir Patrick saying that it had so far refused the further donation "but we wish to be advised whether this is a position which we need to maintain". Sir Patrick then advised Labour not to take the second donation and to send back the first.

William Hague last night called on Mr Blair to publish the minutes of the October 16

The Conservative Leader complained that Mr Blair, in setting out a timetable of events in the Commons on Wednesday, had omitted to mention the second donation

Downing Street confirmed this sorry affair have been unwillingly forced out of your Government to growing con-

And John Major, whose latter years as Prime Minister were dogged by allegations of sleaze, entered the fray to accuse Labour of "incompetence and hypocrisy on a very grand scale". The Cabinet discussed the

affair yesterday. Mr Blair said he hoped it could be turned into an opportunity. He hoped the Neill inquiry into funding would come up with the tightest possible rules covering all parties. Members of Sir Patrick's

Committee on Standards in Public Life have been increasingly irritated by the row. Tom King, the former Tory Cabinet minister, accused the Government of misusing Sir Patrick

The request to him was at



Ecclestone: letter

had time to consult other members of committee. "He was asked to give an immediate response to the points that were raised. I must say it was not at all satisfac-

Jazz tribute to James Goldsmith

Continued from page 1 founding a new political party. "It takes courage of a high order to lay yourself open to the taunts and sneers of lesser men who try to diminish your character because they cannot defeat your argu-ments," she said.

"And it takes a well-nigh superhuman brand of bravery to do all these, as Jimmy did this spring, knowing you are mortally ill, feeling your strength ebbing, fighting back the pain without a shred of self-pity or complaint."

Above all, Lady Thatcher said, Goldsmith was right about Europe. "He was a Great European on a continent which the

Little Europeans claimed as their own." Goldsmith's life was also praised by his brother Edward, Dr Henry Kissinger, and his close friend the zoo-keeper John Aspinall. All said, in their various ways, that whatever they were individually famous for doing well. Sir James dld it

But it was the music most of all that branded the event with the air of From a conventional start with Jerusa-

lem, the programme proceeded through Verdi's Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves, and Gershwin's Summertime to a Mexican mariachi band and thence to Duke

Ellington's Mood Indigo.

Jemima Khan read the anonymous poem To Laugh Is To Risk Appearing the Fool, and Alix Marcaccini, Goldsonth's daughter by his second wife, read Jimmy

After that, no holds were barred; to the strains of the upbeat jazz tune When The Saints Go Marching In. the service closed to the spectacle of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, political leader of South Africa's Zulus, literally dancing in the sieles

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thought we were very daring!
"We went to see the Beatles together at the Hammersmith

"Maybe our marriages have lasted so long because of the types of families we come from -they are all very close. None of us lived with our boyfriends before we married. It just wasn't done back

Teenage crushes stand test of time

Group of friends who married in the Sixties have defied divorce

statistics, reports

Joanna Bale

IN AN age when almost one in two marriages ends in divorce, six couples who wed in the 1960s after being child-hood friends appear to have bucked the trend.

They met in the 1950s in a playground after school at Heston, West London, Fourteen children and five grandchildren later, their marriages and friendships are as

strong as ever. Val Horwood, 54, and her husband David, 55, of Fleet, Hampshire, remember playing together on the swings and pairing off as teenagers.
"It was love at first sight for me and Dave," Mrs.

Horwood said. They were the first of the group to wed, in 1963. "In those days everyone met up at the local park after school - there was nothing

The 12 even holiday together. There was a week-long skiing trip to Austria in 1991 and the next project is a cruise to the Caribbean. "We have just as much fun

now as in the old days, if not more," said Joan Bovingdon who married Brian, Mr Horwood's childhood best

"There are so many shared memories — of the car rallies we used to do, or the times we met up at the North Star pub as youngsters. We were all under-age drinkers then, and

Odeon back in 1962 or 1963.

group, John Palmer, 57, be-



Gina, who like many was a pupil at Heston secondary modern. He started courting his wife Ann Barry at the age of 15, when she studied at a neighbouring school. Wood-field Secondary Modern. Two years below Ann there was her sister Joan, 54, who married a postman, Roger Eppey, in March 1965, a year after the Palmers married. At their after-school gathergs, Gina Palmer met and fell in love with Christopher Dalton, 54. They married in September 1965.

The remaining members are Elaine and Terry Geere. Elaine went on to work in the same office as Ann Palmer. Mr Geere said: "Elaine and I have other friends outside the 12 that we haven't seen for years. It would be such an effort to meet up with them now. It would be wrong to

these years are, left to right: Christopher and Gina Dalton, Brian and Joan Bovingdon, David and Val Horwood, John and Ann Palmer, Terry and Elaine Geere, and Roger and Joan Eppey. Below, pictured in 1962 before they married are Roger Eppey and Joan Barry. Chris Dalton and Gina Palmer, and Ann Barry and John Palmer. The 12 have made as tecnapers in a even holidaying together.

kept up the friendships they West London playground in the 1950s all their lives, We have just as much not more," Mrs Boving-don said. Mr Geere said he and his wife found it an effort to see friends outside the 12. But "it would be wrong to talk about making the effort to be with this lot — irs a pleasure to get

Jury hears screams of child held in judo lock

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

A COUPLE will escape a murder charge for causing the death of their 18-month-old daughter because it is impossible to say who struck the fatal blows, a court was told

An Old Bailey jury had heard the screams of Sarah Adams as she was bullied by her mother Lavinia Adams's boyfriend, John Sherrington, while she looked on. Mr Sherrington had taped his abuse on a cassette recorder.

There was no doubt that either or both of them had caused the injury that led to months of abuse, the jury was told. Orlando Pownall, for the prosecution, said that after the girl's death, police found the recorder in Mr Sherrington's flat in Sutton, Surrey.

On it, Mr Sherrington says: "I've got a mixture for you. You can have some car wash mixed with bleach, mixed with paint. A really nice drink for you. You'll love it."

On another section, he says: "I'll get her in a lock." This was a judo lock between his legs, Mr Pownall said, which Mrs Adams had later told police her boyfriend had done on three or four occasions.

Sarah can be heard screaming as Mr Sherrington taunts her, saying: "Got you in a lock, there, look at her."

But he tells the baby he will not "mark her" as she has a hospital appointment later that week. Mrs Adams's attempts to intervene "border on the indifferent", Mr Pownall said. She was making a note to herself to buy bubble bath and talking about wanting to do the washing up, he said.

The baby was admitted to hospital unconscious and died there in November last year of skull fractures and haemorrhaging of the brain.

Mrs Adams, 3l. and Mr Sherrington, 33, jointly deny one charge of child cruelty and two charges of neglect. Mr Sherrington further denies three charges of cruelty and Mrs Adams denies one further charge of cruelty by biting Sarah. The case continues.

Judge compares woman's 'sex ordeal' to visit to the dentist

A JUDGE has apolog comparing a woman's alleged sex ordeal with a trip to the dentist.

The remark by Judge John Prosser, QC, who once suggested a rapist pay £500 to his victim for a holiday, came when the woman was giving evidence that she was

forced into oral sex with a man. Greg Bull, for the prosecution, asked if the woman said anything during the sex attack. She replied that she was unable to speak. Judge Prosser, 64, then told the distressed woman: "I know what you mean. It's like going to the dentist and he asks where are you going on holiday as he's drilling your

silence at Cardiff Crown Court before the embarrassed judge apologised. He told the woman: I'm very sorry, that was in very

to be with this lot - it's a

had taste and I apologise to everyone."

After giving evidence the 29-year-old woman, who cannot be identified, said: "I was stunned. I could not believe what I was hearing. It was an ordeal for me to stand up in court and say what had happened. For the judge to come out with that sort of remark is totally insensitive."

the Rhymney Valley in South Wales, added: "At the time I thought the judge was trying to make a humorous comment to put me at ease. But a man in his position should not say things like that. His intentions may have been

fine but he said the wrong thing." The judge was sitting at the trial of Harold Baker, 48, a retired factory worker accused of 12 charges. including rape and indecent assaults. The charges date back over 20 years when the woman and

another alleged victim were children. The woman is an alleged victim of indecent assaults. She wants a personal apology from the judge. The case continues.

In 1993 Judge Prosser ordered a 16-year-old rapist to pay his school-girl victim £500 for "a good holiday" to get over her ordeal. The boy's sentence was later increased to two years in a detention centre by the Court of Appeal, which said Judge Prosser's sentence was

Two weeks ago a judge rebuked

a 14-year-old girl who had alleged she was raped twice in a field to stop "sulking like a baby". The girl had turned her face from the videolink camera when she was giving evidence and covered it with her

the bench will fuel demands for more training, says Frances Gibb

In another case earlier this week Judge Jeffrey Rucker, sitting at Southwark Crown Court, indicated that a college healthcare tutor who had fondled a 22-year-old girl student had done nothing very

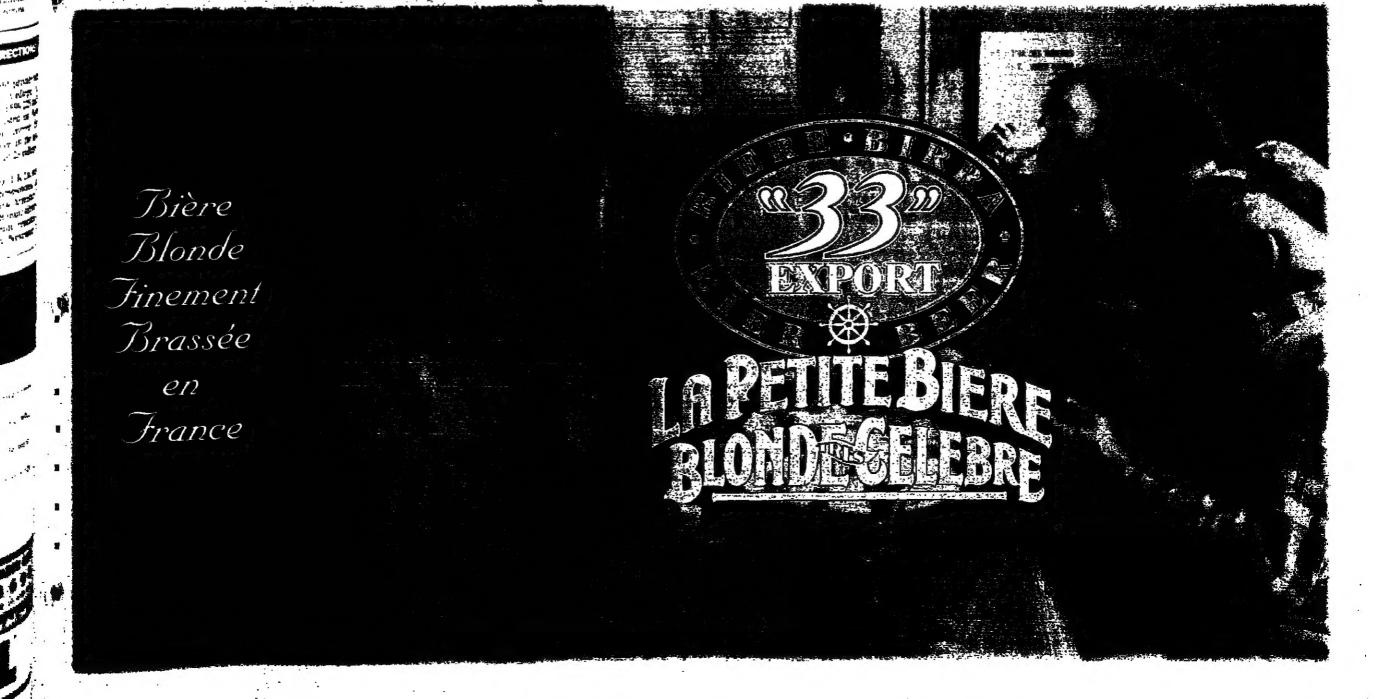
serious". The fresh series of insensitive comments from the bench will fuel demands for more training for judges, although the Judicial Studies Board already runs regular "refresher" courses for judges in 'equal treatment".

In an earlier case, Judge Prosser ordered a violent football player to watch videos of Gary Lineker, the former England player, to pick up tips on sportsmanship.

The judge, educated at Pontypridd Grammar School. married and lists his recreations as

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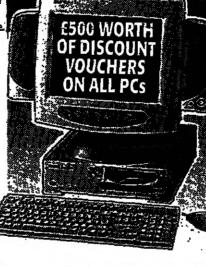
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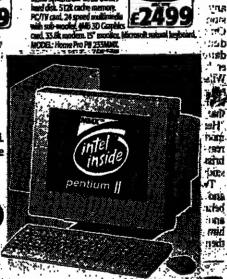
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Random killer' struck in country lane



The village where the alleged killer was said to have driven in search of a victim

Knifeman stopped his car to attack farmer's wife

A FARMER'S wife was selected at random for murder as she walked along a country lane, a court was told yester-day. The killer of Margaret Wilson jumped from his car, cut her throat, then drove off before workers in fields nearby could come to her aid.

Among them were husband Edwin and her son Alan, who heard her scream. Andrew Campbell, for the prosecution, at Leeds Crown Court, said: "It was a motiveless attack on a perfectly innocent woman in broad daylight."

Keith Christian, the man

accused of killing Mrs Wilson, 66, was said to have driven slowly through country lanes at Burton Fleming, East Yorkshire, looking for a victim. Moments before the murder, a white or silver Montego estate, similar to one owned by Mr Christian, 33, had driven past another villager, Elise Cundall, as she walked her dogs. Mr Campbell said: "The driver was the only occupant. He looked at her and such was his expression, a hard and piercing stare, that she immediately became frightened." he car drove on but she wirned and ran back towards the houses. Several details of ... her description matched that

of Mr Christian, he said. Mr Christian denies murder.

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The court was. told that Mrs Wilson had lived almost all her life in the area, enjoying country walks without any apprehen-sion of danger. On the day of her

er had visited her, and Mrs five occasions. During ques-Wilson had asked her for a lift tioning in April 1996 he she returned home to changed his story, saying he "Heather's last memory of her mother is seeing her in the rear-view mirror, walking briskly ziong," Mr Campbell

Two farm workers saw her and then noticed a white car behind her. The driver got out and ran up to her: They saw him grab her from behind and then they both disappeared

below the hedgeline. Then they saw the man run back to his car and speed away. They believed she had been mugged, and ran to her

They found her lying face down in a pool of blood. She had two slash wounds to the throat. One was 6in long and would not have been fatal, but the second ran llin from ear to ear, severing the carotoid ar-tery and jugular vein. It was so deep that the blade had cut tissue on her spine.

A motorist went for help, going to the farm where Mrs Wilson's son and husband were working. Her son Alan told the court: "I heard a scream-cum-yell, not a proper scream. I looked up and my dog looked up and barked."

Her husband said: "I saw a woman lying on the verge. I recognised it was my wife, even though I could not see her face."

Police found the murder weapon by the roadside. Checks on Montegos led police to Mr Christian's home in Driffield five miles away, but he maintained that at the time of the killing he had been driving home from his job at a frozen food factory in Scarborough. The knife was said to have been used

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lying on the verge. have left his job at 3pm as he It was my claimed and been at the murder scene at 3.30. In all, he was interrogated on

Recision a few miles away, so had been helping his in-laws that she could walk back move from Searcheasesh to Driffield. However, phone records showed someone had made a call from his in-laws house when they were sup-posed to be on the road with

amined the fleece jacket, sweatshirt, and jogger bottoms he was wearing on the day. Fibres matched 78 others

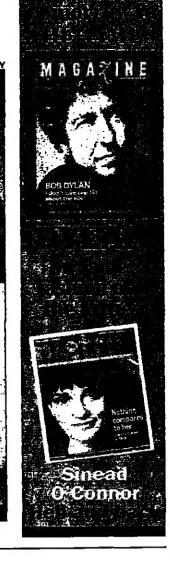


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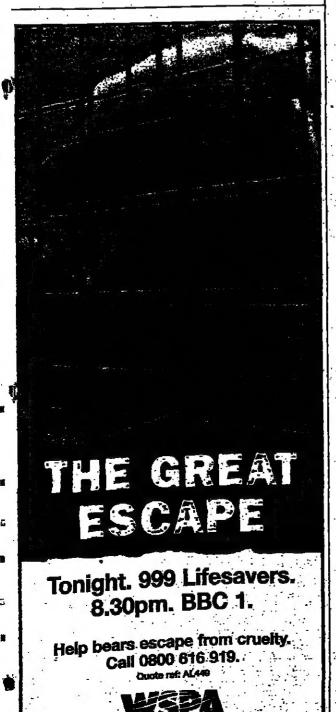
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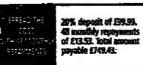
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Millennium projects cash in on the lottery

BRIDGES spanning the Thames and the Tyne, public squares in Coventry and Leeds, and a hundred drinking fountains for people and their pets are among the 71 projects given £221 million by the Millennium Commission

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Not all will be ready by lanuary 1, 2000, but Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, insisted he was not just throwing lottery money at these schemes for the sake of it "Each of these projects prom-ises something special and will be exciting and meaning-ful for years to come," he said yesterday. "Those who pro-pessed ideas for what they hought was easy money were cast aside."

The biggest award goes to the "X-Site" in Glasgow, it receives £35 million for a narional science centre on a fiveacre site on the Clyde with its yn millennium tower.

The £7.1 million Bankside footbridge will be London's first new Thames crossing for more than a century. It has been designed by Sir Norman Foster, the architect, and the schiptor Sir Anthony Caro to link St Paul's Cathedral with the new Tate Gallery. The

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Latest awards range from millions

of pounds for a science park and bridges to thousands for drinking

fountains, Daniel McGrory reports

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schools and create a Web site

for young people around the world.

The troubled Moss Side estate in Manchester, where in

recent months the drug gangs

who controlled the area have

been tackled successfully, is to get £1.4 million for the Youth

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Rotherham council receives

the biggest grant in England
— £18.6 million — to turn a
redundant steel mill into an

exhibition centre about British

industry. Hull has been given

£18.4 million for the European

ceived most money per head, nearly £50, followed by Wales,

Scotland and East Anglia. The East Midlands and the South

East have received the least

The Millennium Commis-

Northern Ireland has re-

Maritime Institute.

£9.2 million bridge across the Tyne will also be a footbridge. running from the Quayside in Newcastle to Gateshead.

The tower and cathedral in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, will be completed 400 years after it was started, thanks to E5.1 million; Bath receives E6.7 million for a new spa complex; and Wales is award-ed £27 million for its Millennium Centre in Cardiff Bay, a showcase for musicals, opera

More modest sums are awarded to 29 village halls. 100 rural churches and community centres. There is also a £172,000 grant for a nationwide chain of drinking foun-tains, including four "mill-ennium fountains", for people and their pets.

A handout of £4 million to

the Everyman Library will enable it to donate 245 classic

projects involving work on almost 200 sites with grants totalling £1,236 million. Mr Smith said there was still up to £100 million for more projects. His hope is that areas such as the East Midlands can come up with valid projects in time to meet the final deadline.

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Erik Sorensen, chief executive of the commission, said the fact that some projects would not be open by January 2000, was not a failing "Most projects will be ready by December 31, 1999. Other projects will come through in the year 2000. If we tried to open all the projects by January 1, the logistical exercise would be overwhelming for the construction industry and for everyone as a whole. We have got to be sensible and that is why we are having a rolling programme of comple-

He and Mr Smith said they were confident all the projects could meet their promised private funding. Mr Smith, who is chairman of the commission, said: "They will all act as milestones of achievement at the end of the millennium and markers



Bath is to receive £6.7 million to update patients' treatment at a new spa complex

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Award for Wales arts centre risks hostility

THE Millennium Commission has courted renewed controversy by offering a £27 million grant to the National Arts Centre for Wales, a successor project to the re-jected Cardiff Bay Opera House designed by Zaha

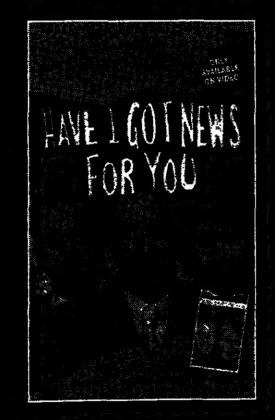
The architectural world will be angered that a much less adventurous design has been adopted. Work on the centre, designed by South Wales architects Percy Thomas Partnership, begins early next year and should finish

by 2001. The Wales Millennium Centre, which will cost £86 million, will house the Welsh National Opera, 2 giant-screen cinema and an industrial and maritime mu-seum. It will also stage West End musicals.

Most of the new grants reflect the Government's strong reaction against grand projects in favour of smaller schemes. But the big names in British architecture are taking most of the larger grants — Sir Norman Foster for the new Thames bridge at Bankside and Nicholas Grimshaw's new spa centre

The biggest surprise is the offer of a grant for an imposing new Gothic tower to complete the unfinished cathedral at Bury St Edmunds, designed by Hugh Matthew. The project had little chance of funding until there was a surge of support after Matthew's design was published in The Times. It shows a mastery of Gothic detail and proportion not seen since the early years of

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Michael Heseltine, attacked handling of the project

Heseltine attacks Blair for causing delays on dome

By CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

criticised Tony Blair's pre-election handling of the Millennium Dome project yesterday, accusing him of causing pointless delays through "macho politics".

The former Deputy Prime Minister, who is a Millennium Commissioner, said there was no leeway for further setbacks. There is a critical path and we're on it," he said. Mr Heseltine, who superintended the early stages of the project in Greenwich when in government, told the Com-mons Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee that mistakes had probably been made in the original planning

of the dome. He also admitted that the public had not been "sold" the idea of the dome properly but claimed that that was impossi-ble. "If you take 300 acres on the banks of the Thames and put a tube station in the middle of it, it will take off. But don't ask me if Marks & Spencer will have a store there

because I don't know." Keith Bales, who helped to develop Walt Disney World

MICHAEL HESELTINE and the Houston Space Centre, told the committee that the main problem was the "lack of information about what is to be included within the structure." He added: "It should be a priority to finalise this and to launch a PR campaign to start educating businesses and the public

about the project". Mr Heseltine told the committee: "Before the election, my role was played by Mich-

everything about the project.
The moment the heat came on, he was swept aside effectively by Tony Blair and his colleagues, who in my view sought to make political macho politics of their determ-

ination to fix budgets." Lord Montague denied Mr Heseltine's claims last night. He said: "Mr Heseltine is entitled to his interpretation. But I engaged in very close liaison continuously with then Shadow Heritage Secretary Jack Cunningham, and he was in contact with the leader's office, so to argue there was any division between us is completely untrue."

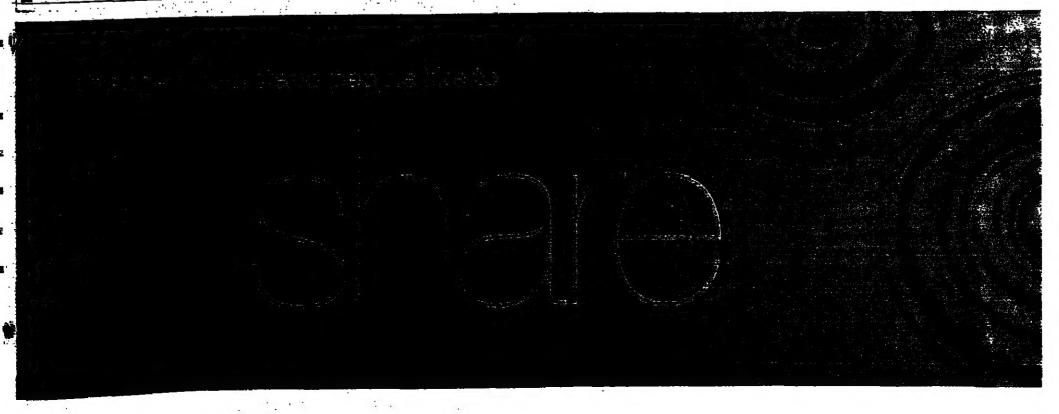
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Minister wants state-educated army officers

THE Army should recruit more potential officers from state schools to avoid the accusation of preserving a privileged elite, George Rob-

The Defence Secretary said he was concerned that while four out of five Royal Navy and RAF officer recruits went to state schools, only half of all army officer recruits did so. The Army officer corps must be seen to be a classless organisation — a goal which, he said, had the full support of army chiefs.

Mr Robertson's comment were made during a speech at the Fabian Society. Three months ago the society pub-lished a pamphlet written by Major Eric Joyce, a serving officer who accused the Army of being class-ridden and run by a "posh" public schooleducated elite. Major Joyce did not seek official authorisation for publishing his views and was suspended. Although he faced possible court martial, army chiefs decided to give him another chance, provided he stopped speaking to the media and gave a commitment that he would seek permission for any future publication. He is attached to the Adjutant-Gener-

Although Mr Robertson's



Joyce: accused Army of being class-ridden

remarks about the Army appeared to support Major Joyce's argument about class Minister emphasised that he was making a different point. One said: "This is not George Robertson backing Joyce. He is not accusing the Army of being class-ridden. The point he is making is that he wants the Army to use the talents of people from every background and that more needs to be done to get officer recruits with a state-education background."

The source added: "He is not accusing the Army of

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In his speech to the Fabian Society, Mr Robertson said: "I am personally committed to ensuring that access to the Armed Forces, and promotion thereafter, is based on merit rather than determined by social class."

He said he was concerned that the Army had failed to match the Royal Navy amd RAF. The real problem was not "as some people have suggested" — a reference to Major Joyce — that officers from state schools were failing to rise through the ranks, "rather that we have in the past failed collectively to har-ness the talents of such a large pool of potential recruits". He added: "We must harness the talents of all our people, not just a privileged few."

He said he would be exam-

ining ways in which the Army could target state schools more effectively. Local councils and volved, he said, in thinking up new ideas.

Mr Robertson also an-

nounced yesterday a new part-nership between the Ministry of Defence and industry to remove cost overruns and time delays from equipment



Britannia makes her London swan-song

in the Port of London yesterday for her last visit under the White Ensign before being decommissioned in Portsmouth next month (Michael

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royal duties and will be decommissioned on December II at a ceremony attended by the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh.

who has commanded Britannia for 2½ years, said yesterday he hoped that the yacht would have a dignified ship and say she will go to place A or B and be beautiful for the rest of her life. It needs work."

George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, is due to announce soon a decision on Britannia's future. Among the options are for the yacht to be docked at Govan in Glasgow, near where she was built on the Clyde, or for her to be moored at

Greenwich for the Millennium. Young motor racing fans likely to smoke •

BOYS are twice as likely to become regular smokers if they are motor racing fans, a report published today

The link, which will fuel the row over tobacco sponsor-ship, has been made by a team of Cancer Research Campaign scientists led by Anne

The survey, published in country, aged 12 to 13. They were asked which sports they most enjoyed on television, whether they smoked and if so how much. The boys were interviewed again a year later. The study found that of those non-smoking boys who named motor racing as their favourite televised sport, 128

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motor racing. Professor Charlton said: There are Professor about 626,400 boys aged 12 to 13 in the UK and, based on the findings, about 72,764 or 12 per cent of these might be motor racing fans. Of these, 9,314 could be expected to take

up smoking, nearly double the amount of boys who do not follow the sport." The study also confirmed

Donation row

research published six years ago by a tearn at Strathclyde University showing that young children linked brands such as Marlboro and Camel with "excitment and fast cars". Professor Charlton said:

Any ban on tobacco advertising must include sponsored sport because of the huge

General of the Cancer Research Campaign, said the Government's decision to exclude Formula One from the proposed tobacco sponsorship ban was dangerous. "This is damning evidence that tobacco sponsorship encourages young boys to take up smokr In an editorial. The Lancet

also attacks the Government over its U-turn on tobacco In the days of a Conservative Government both [Frage Dobson, Health Secretary and Tessa Jowell, Health Min ister might have demanded resignations in circumstances such as this."

"An opportunity to deliver the tobacco industry an important blow has passed. With such a dangerous drug as tobacco, the Labour Government should have simply said



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Armed police go on patrol in new

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POLICE yesterday launched a 24-hour armed patrol after 53 killings this year made a small area of London a few miles from the West End the new murder capital of Britain.

The decision came after two deaths within 26 hours this week in northwest London, where the number of murders is higher than in Manchester, Glasgow and Merseyside. The violence - concentrated in the triangle of Kilburn, Harlesden and Willesden — has intensified as rival drug gangs fight for supremacy.

Scotland Yard is basing an

armed response vehicle in Kilburn staffed by officers with revolvers and Heckler and Koch carbines. The threeman crew will wear their revolvers on their hips.

Police on the beat in northwest London - an area covering Camden, Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Barnet, Islington began wearing heavy-duty body armour. Kilburn alone has 91 reports of firearms being seen and 24 incidents where guns have been fired this year. Fifteen people have been killed or wounded.

The drugs feud began in April when Mark Spence, 31, was shot in a Caribbean takeaway and two other men were wounded. Since then there have been two more killings and up to four more in other parts of London.

People in the area will talk about the shootings but are One man, who is trying to get children off the streets and interested in sport, said: There is a struggle for turf at the moment. I was on the street on the night of the last shooting, and I was petrified for the simple reason that I could have been in the wrong place at the wrong time. There was a terrible feeling of dread

have. The youngest are be-coming involved while playing truant from school because they see these drug peddlers with nice cars and lots of jewellery, and they are The Rev Ian Booth, 33, the

vicar of Willesden, said people were scared to walk the streets in his area. There is a fear among the local people, and they want to get out of the area. The drug culture is now right on our doorstep, as recent events have shown." John Duffy, a Brent council-lor, said: "We can deal with

street crime, but not gangland killings. Six months ago, if you were out and a door slammed, you would not probably have registered it. But now you would probably stand still for a few seconds waiting to see if it was a gunshot, and what



A delighted Lisa Potts with her medal, her seventeenth award for bravery

Day of emotion for heroine and Diana's rock

AFTER 21 years of royal service, Paul Burrell almost lost his butler's composure at Buckingham Palace yesterday. The man who was called "My Rock" by Diana, Prin-cess of Wales, blinked back tears after the Queen pre-

His silver Royal Victorian Medal was announced in the Birthday Honours II weeks before the death of the Princess. After the presentation, he said that the Queen told him: "I can't tell you how happy I am to give this to you. Thank you for every thing you have done."

Earlier Mr Burrell, 39, found himself giving rock-like support to Lisa Potts, the Wolverhampton nursery turse who was receiving the George Medal for shielding children from a machete attacker. It was her seventeenth award for bravery. but her nerves needed calming as they waited for the



Burrell: lent support

ceremony. Miss Potts, 22, said: "I thought I was going to cry. He was very sweet. telling me to take in all the view as we walked through."

Mr Burrell met Diana, Princess of Wales, when he was a footman at Balmoral. He was butler at Highgrove and at Kensington Palace. Married with two children. he is undecided about his future, while continuing to sort out the Princess's belongings at Kensington.

TV investigator retires blaming stress of assault

BY CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

ROGER COOK, television's most intrepid investigator, is retiring from his programme blaming the strain of being assaulted more than 20 times.

Cook, 54, who has presented ITV's The Cook Report for 12 years, will step down at the end of this series. As well as being beaten up by his dis-gruntled quarry, he has had a gun pointed at him four times during his 30-year career.

His agent, Jon Roseman, said: "Roger has really taken a battering over the last ten years and there had to come a



Cook has been beaten more than 20 times

time when he stopped doing it." Steve Clark, controller of programmes at Carlton Television, said: "He has been doing this job [investigative reporter] for 25 years now. In that time there is not one part of his body that hasn't been injured."

Cook, who was born in Sydney, Australia, made his name exposing conmen rang-ing from car thieves to people involved in Bosnian war crimes. He has been forced to keep his home address a

He came to Britain in 1968 reporting for Radio 4's The World At One and presented Checkpoint, later moving into television-In May this year he set up an investigation involv-ing Debbie Currie, the daughter of Edwina Currie, the former Tory junior minister, who had pretended to be singing career. He used her to show how easily pop records could be 'hyped" into the charts.

Cook's replacement could be Donal McIntyre, an awardwinning World In Action investigative journalist, who has been in talks with ITV executives about his own network investigative series.





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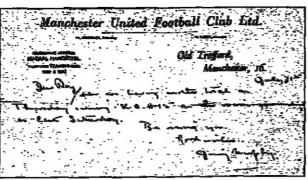
Teenage star waited 40 years for United's call

ROY SUTCLIFFE thought be played pretty well in a trial for Manchester United when, as a teenager, he tried out for the Bushy Babes in the summer of 1950.

For weeks he waited for the postman to deliver the summons to Old Trafford that could have meant a glorious career alongside United stars ich as Bobby Charlton and Wilf McGuinness.

Mr Sutcliffe, an old fashioned winger in the Man-chester Federation Lads League, spent more than 40 years believing he had failed to make the grade. It was only shortly before his mother died three years ago that he discovered he could have been a contender for the No II shirt after all.

Mabel Sutdiffe told him she had a letter for him. It was from Jimmy Murphy. Sir Matt Busby's talent scout. asking him to go back so that they could have another look



The letter Mr Sutcliffe missed from Manchester Utd

. letterhead and was hand writ-

ten. It read: "Dear Roy. We

are having another trial on

Thursday evening, K.O. 6.15

on the same ground as last Saturday. Be seeing you. Good wishes. Jimmy

Mr Sutcliffe's talents had

been spotted by United's scouts. The trial lasted about

20 or 30 minutes and as I

came off the pitch, Bert Whalley, the coach at the

time, turned to me and said,

Well done son, you did all

otten to give it to him. Mr Sutcliffe, now 63, said: "I opened it up and suddenly realised what had happened to my big chance. It must have come while I was out and my mum just out it in a drawer or

"I was a little upset at first. I was annoyed when I thought about what might have been. But she may inadvertently have saved my life. I could have been involved in the Munich air disaster."

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surprised when I didn't hear from them again. I just got my head down and carried on with my job." He concentrated on a career at British Aerospace and played for the non-league club Glossop FC until he retired at 30.

not feel bitter about what ner's motives. "It's such a long time ago. It's not some was only a kid at the time, just When Wilf McGuinne

Sir Matt's chosen success as United manager, heard about Mr Sutcliffe's story, he home in Higher Blackley, Manchester. He took a football with him and the two popped into the garden for a kickabout. "It was wonderful meeting Wilf," Mr Sutcliffe said. "A place at United might realised that what has to be,

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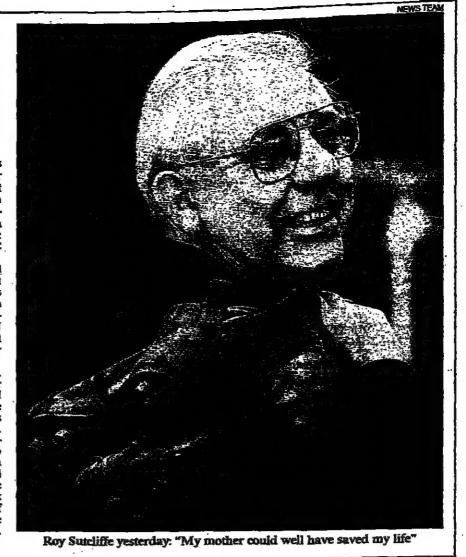
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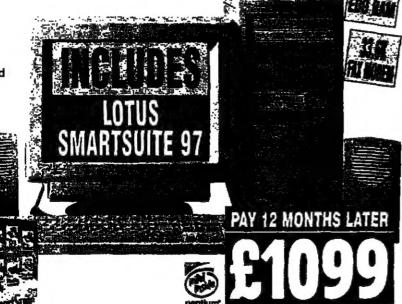
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Drivers given last chance on using phones

final warning to stop using mobile telephones at the wheel before the Government drafts legislation to ban a practice that can cost lives.

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The new Highway Code, available next year, will spell out the dangers of using a hand-held telephone and warn against being distracted by a hands-free set.

Baroness Hayman, the Minister for Road Safety, said that police had the power to charge motorists whose driving was affected by using a telephone, under existing offences such as careless or dangerous driving.

But she issued a warning lane to your le that specific legislation would to do so follow if motorists refused to comply with the Highway

Lady Hayman said: "We do not rule out the possibility of legislation. We have a legislative framework in place now and I am reassured by police that it is enough. But we need more public compliance and better enforcement.

"Nobody is saying that you should not have a mobile phone in the car. It is how and when you use it that is important. If you use a hand-

DRIVERS have been given a held telephone while you are driving, you are not in control of your vehicle and that is an offence now. But drivers must recognise this new warning and act on it."

The new code will also act to get rid of the irritants that can push motorists to the brink of road rage". Drivers who are addicted to staying in the middle lane of the motorway are given specific advice to "drive in the left-hand lane, even at 70mph, if the road ahead is clear.

"If you are not in the lefthand lane and your speed is such that you are delaying traffic behind you move into a lane to your left when it is safe

ne vexed question of how traffic should merge at roadworks is also tackled in the updated guidance. At lane restrictions, traffic should "fill all approach lanes", the new code says, "and merge alternately at the lane restriction".

Motorists who are confused by headlamp flashing will be given clear guidance, which is that lights should be flashed only as a warning to other motorists of your presence never assume that it is a signal it is safe to proceed.

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After 60 years, publicity stunt may be just Dandy, writes Shirley English

HE WAS the first hero with designer stubble, he quit smoking and cow pies to keep up with health trends, and he was last seen sailing into the sunset with the Spice Girls. But yesterday Desperate Dan was said to have been dumped because he is out of fashion.

In what may be the biggest publicity stunt by a comic since Superman was reported dead, the publishers of The Dandy announced that they were looking for a replace-ment with "street cred" to replace the bristle-chinned cowpoke whose enormous appetite and strength has provided storylines for 60 years. This Saturday he will be missing from its pages for the first time since December 1937.

It was hinted, however, that he may make guest appearances in the future, or may even return if public demand is overwhelming. By sheer coincidence, a commemora-tive book, The Legend of Desperate Dan, is being pub-lished to mark the sixtieth

At the height of The Dandy's popularity in the 1950s, it sold more than I million copies each week. Sales are now about 125,000. Morris

the Cat are the only characters to have appeared in every edition of The Dandy. He was created by the late artist Dudley D. Watkins, of The Brooms and Oor Wullie fame, in collaboration with Albert Barnes, the first Dandy Editor, whose prominent chin and large appetite were the starting point for the Initially he was a desperado, always in trouble with the sheriff of Cactusville, a surreal combination of Texas and Britain. The famous horned

The first edition of The Dandy in December 1937

medium will allow."

readers in a three-week storyline in which Dan went

on a bungle jump, hit the ground with his chin and

cracked open an oil well. He

became fabulously wealthy and decided to quit to enjoy his new life of hunry. In the final scene, he sailed away on a

yacht with the Spice Girls on

the Dandy Editor pleading with him to change his mind.

Desperate Dan and Korky

cowples, baked on a dustbin lid, made their debut in 1939 with the arrival of Dan's longsuffering Aunt Aggie. During the war years, Dan sank U-boats and shot down

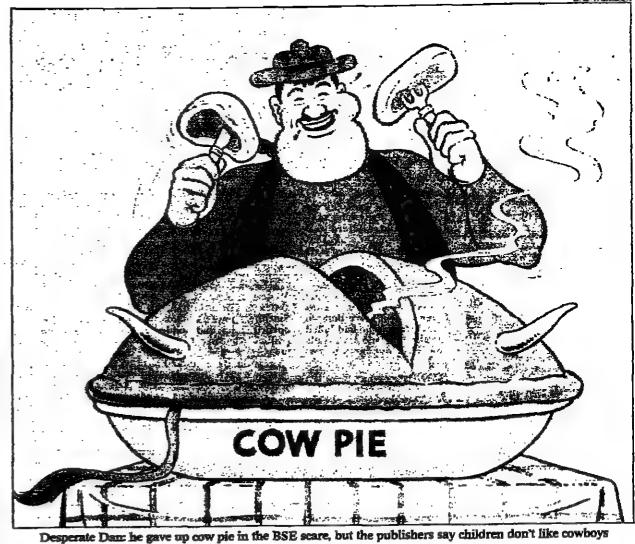
enemy planes with a pea shooter, and was made an Heggie, Dandy editor for the past 13 years, is the prime mover behind Dan's demise to bonorary member of the Korefreshen up" the comic's image. He said: There was cleaned his teeth with a power resistance and it will be interdrill and drank Owl Hoot Juice, but in the 1980s he was esting to see what happens. It is important when the comic is forced to give up smoking, and 60 years old that it keeps last March he was banned looking as modern as the from eating cow pies because of the BSE scare, turning to The change was broken to

fish, bean and veggie versions cooked by Aunt Aggie. David Donaldson, managing editor of the Scottish publishers D.C. Thomson, said: "We have tried our best to make Dan move with the times, but children simply aren't interested in cowboys any more. They are more

toons and computer games."
During the coming weeks, the
Editor will be seen to "interview characters including Arnold Schwarzenegger and Chris Evans for the vacant post. However, Ken Harrison, 57, who has drawn Dan since 1982, said: "I would not be surprised if he made a come-

back by popular demand."
There were signs of the first stirrings of protest last night. The Lord Provost of Dundee, Mervyn Robe, said: This is desperate news. We understand the old boy may have been getting a bit saddle sore. but to retire him before he is even eligible for a bus pass smacks of the worst excesses of

agessin.
Fred Morrison, a psychologist at Abertay University, said: "Dan has played an important role in helping children to grow up. Children are naturally violent, and by reading Dan they were able to



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£100,000 research tackles cat allergy

BY TIM JONES

reactions to their cats may soon be able to live in healthy harmony with their pets. The British Allergy Foundation is funding a £100,000 research programme to develop a spray to stop cats depositing skin particles all over the home.

Although cats that curl up so comfortably on their owners' laps are very fussy about personal hygiene, they cause misery to an estimated five million people through their

particles. Usually, the allergy is tolerable but some people endure constant hayfever-like symptoms. According to Robert Davies, president of the foundation in extreme cases reaction can be severe enough to cause death.

The research programme sponsored by the father of a girl who suffers badly from allergic reaction, is being conducted by the healthcare unit of Southampton University.



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Models seem skinny 'because they're tall'

No cause for alarm over their health, says survey. Nick Nuttall reports

THE popular belief that supermodels are unnaturally and unhealthily thin is a

myth, scientists say. British psychologists who surveyed 300 models said yesterday that, far from being too skinny, most models are curvaceous and have classic hour-glass figures.

The only real difference is that they are a few inches taller." said Martin Tovee, a lecturer in psychology at the University of Newcastle who specialises in eating disorders and body shape.

While their statistics indicate that models are underweight compared with shorter and heavier "normal" women, Dr Tovee said: "Supermodels are on average lighter than women of a comparable age. Several reasearchers and

experts have accused the fashion industry of promoting an almost anorexic look on the catwalk. It has been feared that these allegedly unnaturally thin models are contributing to eating disorders in girls.

But Dr Tovee said that one or two supermodels, such as Kate Moss and Jodie Kidd, had tarnished all models with a super-thin reputation. "We now have some hard data."

The survey, part of which is



Super-thin Kate Moss, left, and Jodie Kidd, said

including Sophie Anderton and Eva Herzigova, whose vital statistics are published by their agencies.

The women were compared with 300 pin-ups from Playboy magazine, 300 university stu-dents classed as "normal" women, 30 bulimic women and 30 anorexics.

An average supermodel is 5ft 8in; weighs 8st 4lb; has a 34.7in bust: 25in waist and similar but shorter at 5ft 5in. "Normal" women, based on

to tarnish the reputation of all supermodels 4in, weigh 9st lib; have a 35in bust; 28.1in waist and 38in

hips. The average anorexic is

5ft 4in, weighs 6st 3lb; has a

30.57in bust: 24in waist and 31.68in hips. The findings, used to make calculations of features such as the waist-hip ratio and bust-hip ratio, show that supermodels and pin-ups are

attracting the opposite sex. "Men are supposed to find a waist-hip ratio of 0.7 the most attractive. That is, the waist is

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Dr Tovee said. The study found that supermodels and pin-ups both tend to have such a ratio. They also tend to have hourglass figures as shown by the bust-hip ratio," he said.

The reason why supermodels appear thinner than the norm is their height, which, on average, is three to four inches more, he said.

They look less curvy in the same way that a tall hour-glass looks less curvy than a short one. It is because the degree of change of the angle less over a given distance." Dr Tovee said.

He said the findings had important implications for cople who pursue diets to try to look like a supermodel or a Vogue cover-girl. "The anorexic has a tubular rather than a curvy shape." Dr Tovee said. "So if you diet too hard, you are really ruining, rather than enhancing, your attrac-

"A study in 1980 showed less curvaceous. But our data shows that their shapes have not changed for between ten and i5 years. They have reached a plateau that, one



Fashion model Sophie Anderton's vital statistics were included in the survey

IN BRIEF Research saves student from jail

a jail sentence for supplying friends with Eestasy because of the potential benefits of his research into a drug to relieve

angina.
Judge Denis Clark told
Neil Andrew: "I'm not prepared to disrupt that work I think it would be advantageous to the gener-al public that you should continue to make progress on that project."
Andrew, 23, of Man-

chester, was given a suspended sentence at Liverpool Grown Court after admitting two charges of supplying drugs.

Birth risk

Children conceived by a new technique in which sperm is injected into an ovum are twice as likely to have major birth defects than those conceived normally, according to Australian research.

Van Gogh to go

A Van Gogh drawing, Harvest in Provence, bought at Sotheby's for almost £9 million, is to be given an export licence because no British institution has matched the pur-

Cancer finding Researchers have discovered that a cancer cell's self-destruct mechanism lies on its surface. They be-

Star Trek

actor puts

Othello

in reverse

BY DANIAN WHITWORTH

PATRICK STEWART, the

British actor released from

duty at the bridge of the Starship Enterprise, is to

play Othello in an American production in which the Moor will be a while man at a

black Venetian court. name of Stewart, 57, known to Star

Trek fans as Captain Jean-Luc Picard, has always want-

ed to play the part but in

recent years actors "blacking

up" for the part has been

frowned upon, and few white

actors now tackle one of the

A former member of the

Royal Shakespeare Com-

pany, he thought of reversing

the racial lines of Othello

several years ago but could not find a willing theatre company until he ap-proached the Shakespeare

Theater in Washington. The

production, which is sold out.

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great Shakespearean roles.

Heve the finding will mean new drugs will be able to attack the cells without damaging normal ones. Clean-up order

Cambridge University has

been issued with an En-

vironment Agency enforcement notice after an unauthorised radioactive

material, americium, was found at the university's biochemistry department.

Injury payout A man whose gullet was caustic soda from a lemonade bottle is to be paid £170,000 compensation by insurers. Lee Ellison, 27. from Stockport, has to be

fed through a tube.

Cyberpet rites The first cemetery for cyberpets has opened at Pontsmill pet cemetery near St Blazey in Com-wall. For E4.50, children can have their Tamagotchis put in a casket and

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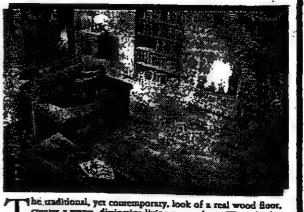
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Blair knew about offer of second gift

Philip Webster outlines the events that led to the Prime Minister's

most difficult period in office so far

TONY BLAIR knew when he met Bernie Ecclestone on October 16 that the Formula One chief had offered Labour a second big donation, it was confirmed yesterday.

The disclosure by The Times yesterday that there had been an offer of another gift on top of the El million handed over in January was the latest example of how information has dripped into the public domain in a saga that has brought great embar-rassment on the Government.

Labour's famed publicity machine has come unstuck over the past few days. Usually so adept at timing its own announcements, this week it has found itself constantly reacting to events and disclosures made from outside its tight control.

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It took a long time to confirm that Mr Ecclestone had made a donation; it only confirmed that the figure was El million after The Times suggested an even higher figure on Tuesday morning; and then it only confirmed the second offer after The Times uncovered the letter to Labour from Sir Patrick Neill, the standards watchdog, in which he referred to a "second pro-

A detailed timetable of the events that have led to Mr Blair's worst few days since winning the election suggests why the knowledge that Mr Ecclestone had suggested giving more money would have been embarrassing for the Prime Minister at that fateful encounter on October 16.

Only two days before, Frank Dobson, his Health Secretary, the man who had announced the tobacco sponsorship ban. had minuted Mr Blair propos-

Formula One. The argument inside the Government was shifting in favour of Formula One: indeed motor industry sources have disclosed to The Times that Mr Ecclestone and Max Mosley, president of the Federation international de l'Automobile, sensed at that meeting that the battle was close to being won.

It was not surprising, therefore, that the second offer. made in the early summer, raised questions of a conflict of interest and was not accepted - for the time being. Ironically, when Tom Saw-

yer, Labour's general secre-tary, wrote to Sir Patrick last Friday, as media interest in the possibility of an Ecclestone donation became intense it appeared that his only real concern was the second offer. it turned out to be probably the most expensive letter ever sent by a political party.

Labour felt that the £1 million donation came into a different category because it was made before the election. Sir Patrick's advice hit Labour like a bombshell -- no one had expected that they would have to pay back the £! million. Sir Patrick had not been told the amount, and has since said he suspected it was between £50,000 and £100,000.

Mr Blair has been in particular trouble this week because of the impression that he virtually single-handed overruled the health department. The decision timetable suggests that that is not so. The key dates are as follows.

January: Bernie Ecclestone donates Elm to Labour.

TOM SAWYER'S REQUEST FOR ADVICE -

sponsorship completely Europe-wide from Formula 1 would result in British looking by Grand Prix and the race

its Grand Fibs and the race going elsewhere; and if there was a total ban in Europe then Europe could be vacated as a vanue and the races moved to Ach where a number of countries are pressing strongly to host such races... Exemptions for Formula 1 are commonplece in other countries for these reasons.... On this tests we decided we had to ensure that whilst holding to the general policy of a ben we could not agree—along with several other member States — to a ban on Formula 1. We therefore, in line with the others, proposed that the Directors should exempt Formula 1.

These decisions were not, of course, in any way influenced by kir Ecclestone's countribution some months become

DEAR 5TR PATRICE

After discussion with the Prime Minister, I am writing to seek your urgent advice on a matter of interest to us, and we believe, the public interest

The Labour Party accepted a substantial donation in January this year from Bernia Ecclestons (Vins-President of the FIA), for the general election campaign. . this will be hand in our 1997 accounts to be presented to the conference in October 1998.

It was made clear to life. It was made clear to Mr existing at the time of his

gift that no donation could or would be accepted if the donor had any expectation of influence over policy and no policies could be changed as a result of any such donation. Nor did Mr Exclusions make

Nor did Mr Ecclarations make any such suggestion. In the manifesto, the Labour Party said it would ben to-bacco advertising. Though finited to advertising, this was generally understood to cover at least some aspects of a sponeorship. The Government an-

The Government announced through its Health Secretary, Frank Dobson, on 19 May that we wanted a complete ban on aports advertising and sponsorship, though we recognised the seed to protect the future of sport. This could be achieved by national policies similar to those in other countries. After those in other countries. After the election, the Government also became involved in dis-cussions with other European countries about the possibility of an EU-wide directive ban-ning or limiting such advertis-ing and aponsorship.

contribution some months be-fore. Mr Ecclestone has, since the election, offered a further donation. The Prime litrister has decided that in After careful consid nounces intention on tobacco June 5: Tessa Jowell, the sponsorship ban to Royal health minister, attends meet-College of Nursing but adds ing of European health minthe Government does not sters to signal support for

> sponsorship. July 17: Mr Dobson sent minute to the Prime Minister on strategy for the directive. He says that the Government broadly supportive but op

adopted thus far has been to refuse this further donation, had a what to be advised whether this is a position, which we need to maintain. This approach distinguished between a pre-election donation which of course, was not a factor in the Government's decision, and the recent of decision . . . and the receipt of post election donations where an appearance of a conflict of interest might be thought to

possible appearance of a con-lict of learnest we should consult you on whether it may

property be accepted. The position which we have adopted thus far has been to

However, clearly, the case raises difficult questions. The gift or offer of it did not and could not influence our approach to the EU Directive. But to what extent are we unable to receive gifts, as a party, from people in business whose business may at any point come across the desk of covernment? In truti. most government? In truth, most businesses are involved with

a) can we carry on as a party to except a gift from business, provided there is no question of any agreement, explicit or of any agreement, explicit or implicit, of twours by govern-ment, and b) when subsequently a busi-

It seems to us that this is a crucial set of issues... I look forward to hearing from you. We are happy to abide by whatever ruling you give.

TOM SARYER GENERAL SECRETARY

July/August: Labour fundraisers meet Mr directive but raises "practical Ecclestone's officials to discuss problems" over sports future donations.

tions would be kept open on

September 23: Ms Jowell meets Mr Mosley. September 28: Chancellor Kohl meets Formula One

have a longer transitional period for Formula One. October 16: Mr Blair meets

Mr Ecclestone and Mr Mosley. October 20: Mr Blair meets

Chancellor Kohl, who raises concern about the directive.

SIR PATRICK NEILL'S REPLY

Thank you for your letter of 7 November. You saked for urgent advice.
My committee has not yet received the precise terms of its remit in respect of party funding, and I do not think it would be sensible for me, in advance of that remit or our advance of that remit or our study, to endeavour to for-mulate the sort of general principles about the receipt or refusal of donations which you seek . . . ! can assure y that we will address the

inve however considered the perticular donation and the prospective donation carefully in the light of the principles which the Committee has already published infitee has already published in previous reports. I have also consulted the Code of Conduct and Goldence on Procedures for Ministers (Cabinet Office, July 1997). One principle which emerges clearly from the reports and from the code is that the conduct of those in public positions must be judged not only by the recity but also by the appearance.

the appearance.
In addition this committee
has established seven principles of public life. Two of
them, integrity and openness,
appear to me to be relevant in the present context, I quote:

Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuats or, organisations that might seek to influence them.

Holders of public office

minutes Mr Blair with his

assessment of the directive. He

says it might be necessary to



actions that they take. They should give reasons for their declations and restrict infor-mation only when the wider public interest clearly de-

In the light of these principles it seem clear to me that you are right to declare the first donation from Mr Ecclestons. I understand that your normal procedures would normal procedures would cause you to list this donation cause you to list this donation in your 1997 accounts to be presented to the annual conterence in October 1995. I do not, however, believe that in the present circumstances it would be right to delay announcing this donation until October 1998. Questions are already being publicly asked about this gift, and delay in announcing it could carry the implication, which you would be the first to reputiate, that receipt of the oilt was in some receipt of the gift was in some way questionable.

As the occumittee said in its first report, whatever the true picture, "much of the public anxiety about standards of

utes Mr Blair, Foreign Office,

the Cabinet Office, Culture

Department and the British

ambassador in Brussels with

the options for tackling the

circulated to ministers a

draft letter to European minis-

ters setting out the approach of

October 31: Ms Jowell

exempting Formula One.

on perceptions and beliefs
... The erosion of public
confidence in the holders of
public office is a serious
matter." It is my view that you as swiftly as possible . . .

As to the second proposed donation, you tell me that you have until now refused to accept it. You wish to be advised whether that is a pos-tion which you need to main-tain. My advice is that it is.

Your question (b) at the top of page 4 of your letter, when applied in relation to the first donation, raises the issue as be retained or should be returned. This I regard as as a returned. This I regard as as a more difficult question and one on which I would have welcomed the views of the committee. My own opinion is that, while no criticism can fairly be made of the receipt of the first donation, in the light of the way in which government policy has developed, ministere could well conclude that, in the special circumstances of this case, their freedom of action would be, and would be seen to be, enhanced, if the donation were to be returned.

It is not clear to me whether you wish this advice to be made public. However, is should say that, if I am asked, in line with my committee's principle of openness, I would want to confirm that I have numited this sovice. I note that you have dis-cussed this with the Prima Minister, to whom I am there-

fore copying this letter. Yours sincerely

SIR PATRICK NEILL QC

November 6: Mr Blair proposes that Sir Patrick Neill be consulted about the Ecclestone

November 7: Tom Sawyer.

Labour genreal secretary. writes to Sir Patrick. November 10: Labour admits it received £1 million from Mr Ecclestone. November 13: Offer of sec ond donation confirmed.

Casual attitude has exposed Labour team's inexperience

TONY BLAIR ought to ask himself a simple question this morning. Can he imagine Clement Attlee or James Callaghan agreeing to meet a businessman like Bernie Ecclestone over a highly sen-sitive political issue after a El million contribution to Labour and discussion about agother substantial donation? Of course not. It may be very "New Labour" to be pally.

with such colourful entrepreneurs rather than with union leaders, but Mr Blair has appeared naive and guilible. Someone in his private office should have seen the dangers and sounded the alarm. The problem is less the

Prime Minister called in Sir Patrick Neill, new chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, not when Me Blair took the deciston but only several days later when ; his staff realised last Fulday afternoon that the press was investigating whether Mr Ecclestone was a big donor. The subsequent letter from Tom Sawyer, Labour's General Secretary, to Sir Patrick did not reveal the scale of Mr Ecclestone's donation. It was largely to seek approval for what Labour had done. There was no reference to any question of repaying the origi-

basic decision over Formula One, where ministers have a case, albeit a weaker one than they pretend, than the evasive way it has been handled. The

Sir Patrick did not oblige. He was explicit in saying that Labour should not take a further donation and said that the first should be repaid. even though he did know it

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was as much as fl million. He suspected that if might be upto €50.000.

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Times, but also gave a different impression of Sir Patrick's

Tom King, a former Tory minister and member of the Neill committee, argues that committee by seeking advice on an issue which had not yet been studied. The Government not only did not provide Sir Patrick with the full facts but also failed to publish the correspondence until last night. However, there was no one else to consult on the propriety of the donations.

Fortunately, Sir Patrick gave sensible advice but he should not be put in such a position again. His committee should now examine the possiblity of having a freestanding ethics commissioner to advise on such cases, as

opposed to the role of the Neill committee in advising

on changes in rules. Mr Sawver's letter raises the serious question: "To what extent are we unable to receive gifts, as a party, from people in business whose business may at any point come across the desk of Gov-

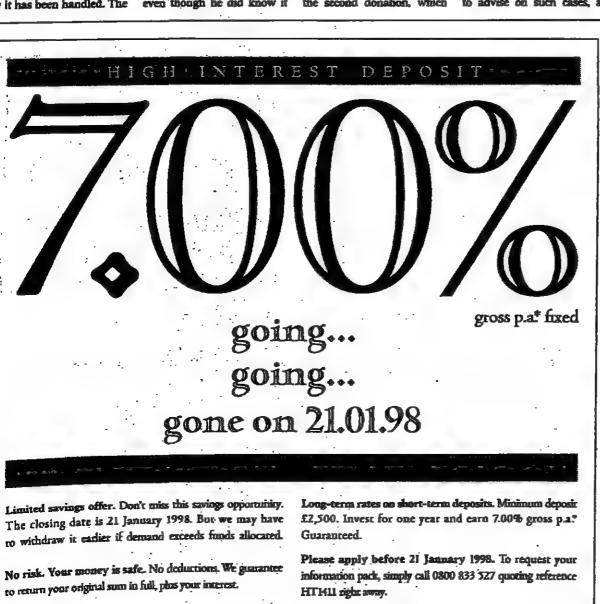
ernment? Prompt disclosure of donations will help, but perhaps it is necessary to go further and announce meetings between ministers and substantial donors on government business as well as when they receive honours or

public appointments. The Government's super- and informality of Opposition

has been badly tamished. It has appeared casual in its attitude to donations. Mr Blair clearly believes that he took the right decision, but he needs to realise that proper. procedures have to be seen to be followed. The casualness

clean anti-sleaze reputation is no longer good enough. The smoothness of the summer transition was deceptive. The inexperience of the Blair team has been exposed. Mr Blair and his advisers have a lot to learn about how to conduct themselves in government.

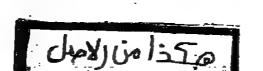
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Tourist attractions attacked for costly information lines

BY PAUL WHITTAKER

MANY of the best-known tourist attractions are charging customers before they even reach the turnstiles by switching their telephone inquiry lines to 0891 numbers, according to a new guide.

The Good Guide to Britain 1998, published today, says that charging callers up to 50p a minute to provide basic information such as opening times and admission rates was "quite unjustifiable".

Rob Unsworth, the book's associate editor, yesterday criticised the "money-grabbing tactic which he said was a disturbing new trend. He said this year's survey had identified more than 20 facilities that charged premium rates for telephone information, compared with none last year. "If you ring up only to see whether an attraction is open you could unwittingly

rip-off to do this as many of these attractions already charge admission of £5 to £6."

He said it was a pity so few attractions offered 0800 freephone numbers for information. His guide had deliberately not listed the 0891 numbers, but had given ordinary telephone numbers.

He said the London Tourist Board's recorded information services, listed in the telephone directory, were among the worst offenders. More than 30 premium-rate 0891 numbers were listed, including "Shopping News" and "Changing the Guard". Each

call cost 50p a minute.

But the London Tourist Board rejected the criticism. "Providing information to the huge number of visitors to

pay more than £2 for a deliberately padded-out message," he said. "It is a blatant tal challenge. We get more tal challenge. We get more than 15,000 calls a month to our service lines which are not designed to make a profit but simply to be self-funding." Louise Wood, its spokesworn

> She added: "Of course, if people want to come down to our tourist information centres, they can get the informa-Attractions that have intro-

duced premium-rate calls, such as Howlett's and Port Lympne Wild Animal Parks in Kent, have defended the practice. Jeremy Watson, the parks' public relations manag-er, said: "We are a heavy lossmaking charity and looking after animals is an expensive business. I don't believe our message is padded out and we think it is fair value for money.



Angela Eagle, junior Environment Minister, feeding a lemur at London Zoo before announcing the changes

Zoos told they face tougher scrutiny

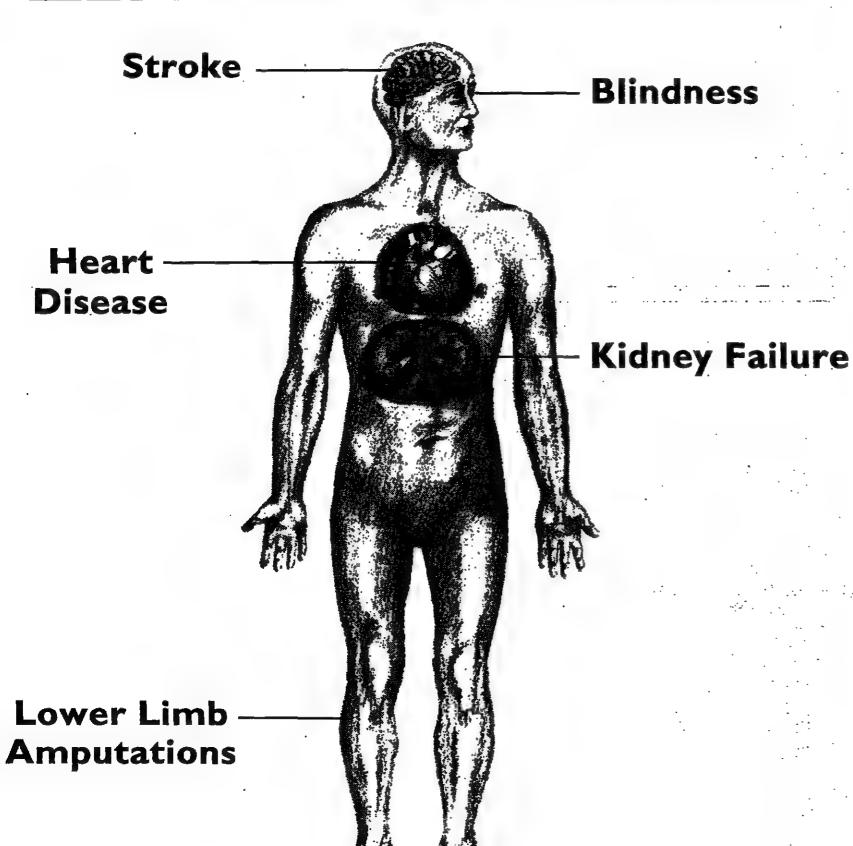
ZOOS will have to meet higher standards under plans gela Eagle, a junior Environment Minister. They include better care of animals and improved protection of endangered species.

More emphasis will be put on encouraging zoos to promote conservation, while local authorities will face closer monitoring. A Zoo Forum will oversee the zoo licensing system, which is 20 years old.

Inspections will be made more stringent by encourag-ing local authorities to use their existing powers to un-dertake informal, unannounced inspections at least once every year. The RSPCA, which wel-

comed the proposals, claims that there are poor standards of facilities, husbandry and

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brandishments of James Joyce and Roddy Doyle have been collected in the first

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scuttered, mowldy and
peloothered are evocative terms used by Irish authors to denigrating a character, they resort to bogtrotter, gobshite, muck savage, spa, messer. wagon (women only) and bollix (men only).

The words are among approximately 6.000 terms explained by Bernard Share for his book Slanguage.

I have found words stretching back to Swift and

before, but most are from the modern period because, over the last 50 years, it became

Goms are fools, cute hoors are devious politicians, and greenhouses are street urinals. The Twelve Apostles were the killing squad recruit-ed by Michael Collins, or The Big Fella, to fight the British

All behind like a cow's tail means running very late; spit

oysters is Joyce's term for phlegm, while a Kerry witness is someone who will swear to anything. A piana is a cash register in Dublin while Plastic Paddies are children of first-generation Irish emigrants in Britain.

"Irish colloquialisms are fascinating because they are a mixture of the Irish and English languages," Mr Share said. "People such as Doyle are selling these words to an international audience." Mr Doyle, the Booker prizewinning novelist, has helped spread Irish slang such as craic (a good time, usually in

bumpkin). Culchie, which appears in the Oxford Dictionary, is an Anglicisation of the term Coilite Mach, the in central Ireland who went to jackeens (Dubliners).

It was hard to imagine that the terms would be widely used in 20 years, he said





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How to deco suggesting yet that the European Union might reconsider the £26 million it gives in aid to Nepal every year. But Nepal will be asked to consider introducing laws that would be the playery tradition. being a mes After a three-year study of the area, an Anti-Slavery International report on Nepal published today calculates

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Nepal slavery shackles rural folk to poverty

THE village is awake by 5am. Well before dawn the mud-caked streets are filled with men driving the landlord's oxen to the fields and women carrying baskets of dung on Older children hold on to

their baby brothers and sisters as they watch their parents leave for work while their other siblings drive the goats out to pasture.

It is a scene that is found in rural areas all over the developing world. The difference here, in the Western Terai, is that no one gets paid for working days that start before dawn and continue until after

Nepal's continued use of

slaves and bonded labourers is at the top of the agenda at meetings between a European Commission delegation and the Nepalese Government in Kathmandu today. No one is ban its slavery tradition.

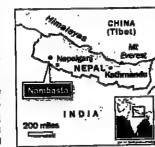
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Sue Lloyd-Roberts reports from Nambata, Western Terai, on bonded labour, top of the agenda in EU talks today

forced labourers in Nepal, found in two distinct catego ries. There are the haliya. literally "one who ploughs" (ploughing is seen as a low-caste activity — indeed a highcaste farmer could risk losing his caste status if he ploughs -and so is unworthy of payment). And there are the kamaiya, bonded labourers from the Tharu tribe, whose people have always worked as virtual slaves for Nepali landlords

'My grandfather used kamaiya, and his father before him. It has always been the



way around here," said Badal Prasad Chaudhari, a landlord in the village of Nambasta. "You see, we have so much land we couldn't possible till it all without kamaiya." He sat in the courtyard of his house while the wives of his kamaiya prepared the vegetables and swept the floors. They are also He invited one of his men,

Ram Shenam, to describe his working day. "I don't know how many hours I work because I don't have a watch. All I know is that I work from before light until after dark. I go first to the landlord's house and he tells me which fields to plough and where to feed the animals. In return I am given rice, lentils and mustard. I don't know how much." Another kamaiya in the

village, Seligram Tharu, said that he was tied to his landlord twice, by tribal tradition and through debt. When he fell ill with cholera three years ago, he had no alternative but to





Scenes of everyday life in Nambata show, clockwise from the top left, kamaiya cattle herders; kamaiya wives sifting flour watched by their drunken landlord. Tara Prassad; another slave woman collecting dung, and a haliya, or "one who ploughs", considered a low-caste activity

borrow the equivalent of £30 from his landlord to buy medicines. He would probably work for his landlord for life and then pass the legacy of debt to his son.

His landlord, Tara Prassad, was quite drunk when he agreed to be interviewed. "If you give them money, they spend it on alcohol. If you give them rice, at least they might

feed their family." The Terai is the only slither of non-mountainous land in Nepal and it provides most of the country's agricultural needs.

Until the 1960s it was a high-risk area for malaria and so cut off from the rest of the world. Anthropologists who first visited the Western Terai 40 years ago were astonished by the medieval social and working structures. "We had no real experience of democracy in Nepal until 1991," said Shisham Mishra, of the Bonded Labour Liberation Front in Nepal. "There is no tradition here of listening to the people. And most of the politicians themselves have land on which they employ

At the Ministry of Labour in

the capital, Nepalgani, Bah-kra Bilas Bhusal said the "The donor countries are prepared to help out on other projects . . . They should help Government was talking us with this as well." about tackling the problem But outsiders have been with a programme that would involve the state paying back the loans which enslave the

arguing that the Nepalese Government should make an initially helpful gesture, such as legislating against slavery. □ Sue Lloyd-Roberts will report from Nepal for the BBC Nine O'Clock News tonight.

Clinton lawyers question Paula Jones

FROM IAN BRODLE IN WASHINGTON

LAWYERS for President Clinton have questioned Paula Jones under oath for the first time about her sexual harassment lawsuit against him.

She was questioned for eight hours on Wednesday and the questioning continued yesterday at a law office in Little Rock, Arkansas, only a few blocks from the hotel where Mrs Jones alleges Mr Clinton exposed himself and asked her for oral sex in 1991. The President adamantly denies the claim.

The questioning was part of the pre-

trial process of gathering depositions. Lawyers are given wide scope to explore areas that the judge may later rule inadmissible at the trial, which is due to start on May 27. Susan Carpenter-McMillan, spokes

woman for Mrs Jones, said she expected that Mr Clinton's chief lawyer, Robert Bennett, would be unrelenting in his questions. Sometimes lawyers are deliberately aggressive at the deposition stage in the hope of giving plaintiffs second thoughts about pursuing a case all the way to a public trial. Lawyers from both sides have been

taking depositions for several weeks.

Among those they still plan to question is Gennifer Flowers, whose claims to have had a 12-year affair with Mr Clinton briefly threatened his initial bid for the White House in 1992. Meanwhile, two conservative advocacy

groups have been attempting to air extraordinary commercials in Washington encouraging women to call a toll-free number if they believe they have been "a victim of sexual harassment by the President". The Free Congress Foundation and the National Centre for Public Policy Research claimed to have received thousands of calls but none that were an authentic complaint against Mr Clinton.

New warning | Japanese link to child sex ring on drought

Sydney: Drought threatening millions of people in Indo nesia and Papua New Guinca shows no signs of easing. an Australian parliamentary committee was told yesterday (Roger Maynard writes).

The failure of monsoon rains, blamed on El Niño, the worsen the situation, Aus-AID, the national relief agency, said. Australia spends 52 million a month on drought aid for Papua New Guinea.

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

THE uncovering of an international sex ring trading in

Asian children has spotlighted Japan's extraordinary tolerance of the trade in child sex. Italian authorities who arrested a Japanese man and Chinese woman trying to smuggle a 12-year-old Chinese

girl to Miami via Milan said the sex ring was run by Chinese criminal gangs and

sence of effective laws to deal with sexual abuse of children has made Japan a paradise for

paedophiles.
Child prostitution is wide-spread in Japan under the euphemism enjo kosai (compensated dating), referring to the practice of schoolgirls providing sex to adult men to earn money for expensive imported clothes or handbags.

people. But the problem of

bonded labour was not a

priority. Slavery in Nepal was

shameful thing for Nepal.

A group of MPs is sponsoring a Bill aiming at making soliciting or procuring child prostitutes a criminal offence. The law would apply to adults who pay for sex with children under the age of 18. If enacted. this would be the first law to cover sexual abuse of children inside and outside Japan.

Sponsors of the Bill hope to penalise organisers of package tours for paedophiles to countries where sex can be bought cheaply. But there is little optimism the police will be able to stamp out the involvement of powerful yakuza gangsters in child prostitution

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Britain vies for oil billions in Caspian boom

Azerbaijan dipped his fingers crude oil, smeared the gooey liquid over his face and declared that the ancient custom would bring his impoverished nation good fortune and

In a ceremony which politicians and oilmen from around the world hailed as the start of a new Caspian Sea oil boom. Azerbaijan this week officially began pumping ashore the first of billions of barrels of oil.

"We are on the eve of a very great and prosperous future." Mr Aliyev said in Baku. "We have laid down the foundations for that future today."

His remarks were echoed by an impressive range of dignitaries from around the world. They have been courting Baku in the hope of winning some of the lucrative oil and pipeline contracts for the estimated 200 billion barrels lying in the Caspian basin, which should guarantee prosperity for the region for many years.

British, American, Russian and Turkish ministers lobbied hard in the hope that their companies would be able to establish the sort of presence in the country that they have enjoyed in oil-rich regions such as the Gulf.

With the turn of a valve. Azerbaijan has opened more than a pipeline. Azerbaijan



prosperity," Federico Pena, the visiting US Energy Secre-tary, said. This is an important milestone and a symbol

Derek Fatchett, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, who in keeping with local custom was obliged to smear oil over his face as well, said that Britain was well positioned to take advantage of the forthcoming boom. The point was emphasised when he extended an invitation from the Prime Minister to Mr Alivev to visit London next year and delivered a letter of congratulation from the Queen.

The Azerbaijan International Operating Company, the BP-led consortium that developed the first offshore field, has been praised widely for building a pipeline, platform and terminal in only three years. There is potential here and we have established our-

Richard Beeston reports from Baku

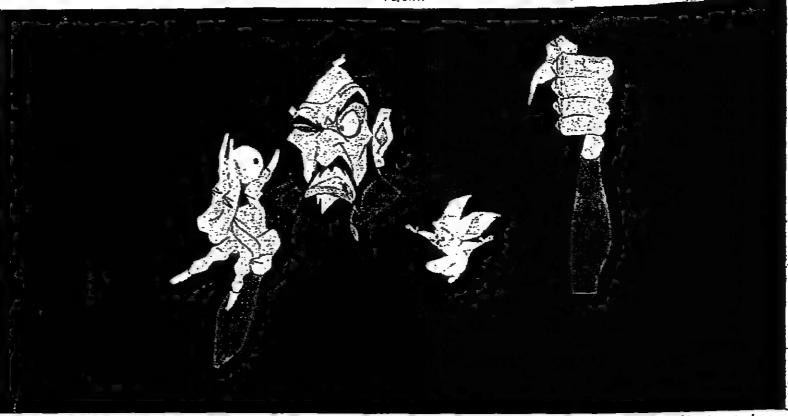
on the scramble for business

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selves as good and trusted players." Mr Fatchett said. Certainty even a brief in-spection of Baku revealed that the capital is undergoing extraordinary changes. When the Soviet Union collapsed six years ago the city was an impoverished backwater. Today modern hotels and blocks of flats are being built at a record pace alongside lavish casinos, clothes shops and

Western restaurants. Nevertheless, the talk of new-found wealth and the prospect of oil money flooding into the economy may be premature. Many say that Azerbaijan still faces tough

This nation would be perfect if we could pick it up and put it somewhere else," a Western diplomat said, bemoaning Azerbaijan's unpredictable neighbours and the volatility of the Caucasus



The evil sorcerer Rasputin finds himself falling apart in front of his aide, Bartok the bat, in the new Twentieth Century Fox film Anastasia

Fox takes bite at Disney's golden goose

IT IS hardly the stuff of Thanksgiving family entertainment. Days before America's autumn break, two studios are at war over a \$55 million (£33 millioni cartoon feature film set against a backdrop of the Russian

In an all-out attempt to break Disney's stranglehold on large-scale animation, Twentieth Century Fox is reportedly spending up to \$50 million on top of production costs to promote its unlikely epic, Anastasia — a third more than the cost of marketing last year's blockbuster, Independence Day.

In reply, the Walt Disney Company, maker of Aladdin and The Lion King, is defending its grip on the most lucrative niche in the film business with "every legal means possible", according to a major cinema chain.

As Fox launches its final advertising blitz. Disney has banned Anastasia commercials from some of its ABC television programmes and re-released its 1989 hit, The Little Mermaid. Reports have even emerged of toy shop staff pushing Anastasia dolls to the back of

Twentieth Century Fox, whose proprictor, Rupert Murdoch — chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, parent company of The Times — was among several studios dazzled by the staggering profits generated in recent years by Disney animations and in recent years by Disney animations. Michael Jordan. Experts fear Americans dazzled by the staggering profits generated in recent years by Disney animations. ed films, and determined to enter the specialised market with its potential for millions in revenue from toys and video sales. Animated films also benefit from not having to pay multimilliondollar salaries to "real" stars.

Non-Disney feature-length cartoons have generally flopped, however. The Lion King has made more than \$1. billion worldwide since its 1994 release. and The Hunchback of Notre Dame a healthy \$500 million. One of the best efforts by other studios, Warner Brothers' Space Jam (\$90 million), included the real presence of the basketball star

release, Hercules, took a relatively: modest \$97 million.

Anastasia's central character is a plucky ex-Tsarina described by Fortune as a cross between Meg Ryan, whose voice she has, and Audrey Hepburn. The film is aimed chiefly at girls and their mothers, all being wooed with 50 tie in book titles and a: \$30 million advertising campaign.

As the tumult in "Toon Town" rages, one group is sure to benefit. Youngartists are being recruited straight from art school at \$180,000 a year -

Terrorism ruled out in TWA crash

Washington: The FBI has ended its investigation into the explosion and crash of TWA Flight 800 in July last year, saying it had found "absolutely no evidence" of a criminal act (Ian Brodie writes).

Letters have been sent to relatives of the 230 passengers and crew telling them of the decision which will be officially announced next week.

A separate investigation ure caused the explosion will be continued by the US National Transportation Safety Board. Its latest theory is focused on whether frayed wires or a surge of electricity were responsible for creating sparks that may have ignited iumes in the centre fuel tunk of the Boeing 747.

After the crash, there was widespread speculation that the aircraft may have been brought down off Long Island by a terrorist bomb or missile after taking off from John P. Kennedy airport for Paris.

US herds 'carrying • mad cow disease'

From Tunku Varadarajan in new york

THOUSANDS of American cattle carry a deadly strain of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), or "mad cow" disease, according to a new

John Stauber and Sheldon tors have played down the dangers and erred on the side

The book contends that although the strain of BSE linked to the fatal Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) in people is specific to Europe, other fatal strains are present in

of the meat industry.

North America. These strains of transmissible spongiform encephalopa-University of Wisconsin, Madison, by Dr Richard

Marsh, a virologist who died

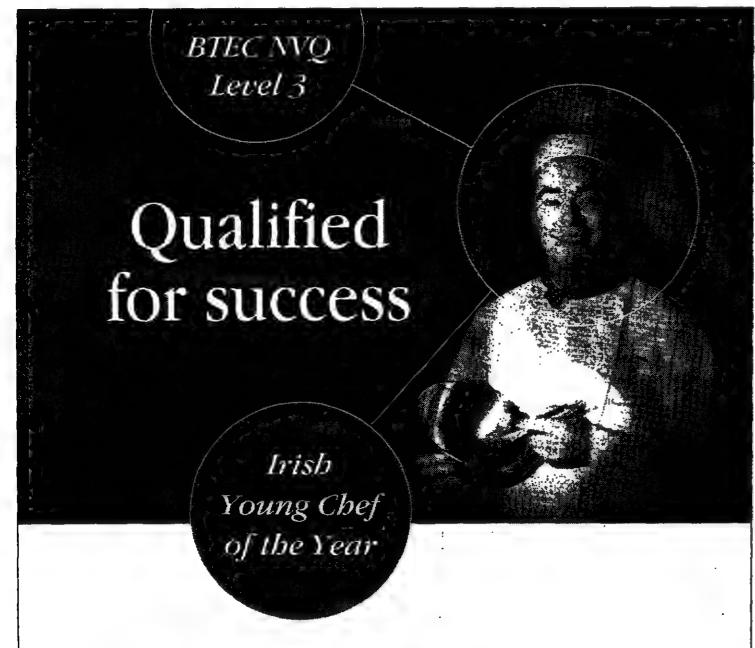
earlier this year of causes. unrelated to the subject of his

Dr Marsh, who grew up on his father's mink farm in Oregon, found a strain of TSE: Rampton, co-authors of Mad been given feed containing Cow USA: Could the Night: meat from Downer dairy mare Happen Heret, said ... cows. He then injected the there has been evidence since sovieus found in the mink impo-1985 of a strain of BSE in US Holstein bull calves, discover-

disease rapidly and died. He was not certain how the cows. fed to the mink got the disease in the first place, but concluded that rendered ruminants in: feed were the likeliest source. Dr Marsh's findings - and

his call for a ban on using material from ruminants in cattle feed - were dismissed. by the federal Food and Drug Administration. While there have been no

reported cases of CJD in America, the authors argue



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Resear Mining boss says stude, we did not profit from apartheid'

SHOWING the political skills used by his mining dynasty to prosper under apartheid and n a democratic South Africa. Nicky Oppenheimer yester-day joined fellow Anglo American and De Beers executives in an apology for having worked with a racist regime.

But he rejected suggestions that the corporation built by his father and grandfather had supported National Party policies, or that South Africa's biggest company had profited from anti-union legislation and cheap labour.

Mr Oppenheimer, deputy chairman of Anglo and the chairman elect of De Beers. told the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, set up to examine amnesty applications for political crimes between 1960 and 1994, that apartheid had been a "massive affirmative action programme for

undermine | sportheidl - We must express our apologies and remorse."

According to some analysts, Anglo American and associated companies controlled by the Oppenheimer family total up to 52 per cent of the comburg's Stock Exchange: Most were built in the apartheid

The Congress of South Afri-can Trade Unions (Cosatu) had earlier named Anglo as a corporation that had "abused workers' rights" by failing to ensure miners were protected from asbestosis and silicosis, which have killed hundreds of employees. The policies of corporations like Anglo with regard to dust in mines amounts to a human rights abuse. Their attitude was that, if someone's lungs packed up, he would be sent home with a lump sum of 200 rand to 300 rand (£24-£40) and the indusgeneral secretary.

Mr Oppenheimer said his father, Harry, had had no contact for 13 years of his chairmanship of Anglo with the then South African Prime Minister, John Vorster. "Angio American stood out during these times and was looked at by the National Party [Government) as far from friend-ly," he said.

According to an academic study quoted by Cosatu, "in 1993, out of every 100,000 gold miners, 113 died in accidents. 2,000 suffered from a reportable injury, 1,100 developed tuberculosis, and of these 25 died; in 1990, about 500 were certified as having silicosis." in testimony to the commis-

sion, other business leaders, including Johann Rupert, head of the Rembrandt cigarette manufacturing corpora tion, condemned anartheid and insisted that the system held back economic growth.

Caesar's summer palace found at Naples

FROM RICHARD OWEN

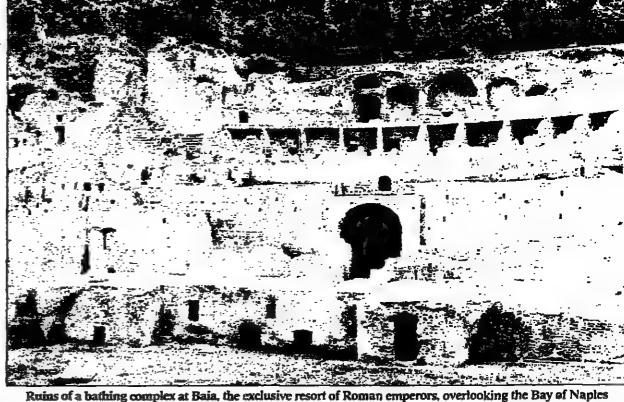
EVERY schoolboy ought to tered in Gaul, but we now know where he spent his summer holidays. Archaeologists have discovered what they believe to be the seaside villa of Julius Caesar, over-looking the Bay of Naples on what the ancient Romans called the "Golden Shore".

Professor Stefano De Caro Superintendent of Archaeology for Naples, said teams working at Baia, on the coast west of Naples, had uncovvolcanie rock at the top of the cliffs overhanging the sea.

There can be little doubt

that this was Caesar's villa, he said. "Its date, its sheer size, and its superb panoram ic position mean it can only have been Julius Caesar's

It matches the description



residence given by Tacitus, who records in his Annals that it was "placed at the point

The cliffs above the Bay of Naples at Baia were much

favoured by the patricians of

early imperial Rome, to the

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point where the area (now in the rundown suburb of Pozzuoli, birthplace of Sophia Loren) became the centre of

A list of those who retreated to luxury villas there reads like a who's who of late republican and early imperial Rome, including Tiberius,

Nero, Cicero, Pompey and the dictator Sulia. The area was described by Cicero as "the Golden Shore, the Bay of learnt that his beloved, Cynthia, had gone to Baia, whose beaches were "known to be fatal to female virtue".

Baia, part of the volcanic Elysian Fields, have dated the beginnings of the newly found villa to the 3rd century BC, the period when Rome extended its power through-

WORLD IN BRIEF

Chinese expected to free rights activists

Afficer fire Beijing: James Sasser, the American Ambassador to China hinted yesterday that he expected China to release key human rights activists in the wake of President Jiang Zemin's visit to Washington (James Pringle writes). He was not aware of any specific pledge to free jailed human rights activists, but "based

on intuition" he expected to see progress in the next few weeks.

Analysts said that those about to be released, besides Wei Jingsbeng, the country's most high-profile prisoner, who has spent nearly 17 years in jail for calling for the "lifth modernisation — democracy", could include Wang Dan, the Tiananmen student leader. Both are said to have suffered health problems, with Wei's health deteriorating dramatically.

Talks to start on peace pact

Tokyo: Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, and his Japanese counterpart. Keizo Obuchi, agreed to start talks aimed at signing a Second World War peace treaty by 2000, following a summit accord earlier this month. Japanese Foreign Ministry officials said Mr Primakov and Mr Obuchi agreed that the talks will start at the vice-ministerial level, with a Japanese official visiting Moscow in Japanese. The two countries have not signed a Second World War neare treaty because of a longstanding dispute over the Russian-held Kurile Islands, northeast of Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost main island. (Reuters)

French boats attack Belgians

els: French fishermen hurled rocks and fired flares at a Belgian trawler found inside France's 12-mile limit, smashing her windows. Nets were thrown over the boat's propeller, the Belgian fishing boat owners' association said. There were no injuries and there will be an investigation into the incident, in the Channel 14 miles southwest of Dunkirk and said by the association to have involved about 15 French boats. Negotiations were under way to let the trawler dock in Belgium. (Reuters)

Case opens on pilots' deaths

Miami: Lawyers here are seeking damages from the Cuban Government for the deaths of three Cuban-American pilots shot down last year off the coast of Cuba (David Adams writes). The case is the first of its kind to be brought under a new American anti-terrorism law. No Cuban officials or lawyers were present and Havana refuses to recognise US authority to judge the case, which is being brought by the victims' families.

Trabant passes 'moose test'

Bonn: The Trabant, the two-stroke East German car with 1950s technology, has passed with flying colours the "moose avoidance test" failed by the new A-class Mercedes-Benz model. The Thuringer Allgemeine Zeitung newspaper claimed that the test it carried out at an abandoned Soviet airstrip in the eastern town of Eisenach showed the Trabant was safer than the "Baby Benz", even at higher speeds. (Reuters)

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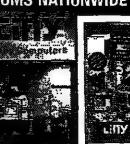
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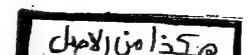
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Saddam exploits the collapse of **US-led** alliance

THE Iraqi leader's confrontation with the West has been calculated to wring maximum advantage from the collapse of the Arab coalition that supported the American-led attack on Iraq in 1991.

President Saddam Hussein has pointedly staged his challenge to America at a time when neighbouring Arab countries are deeply embittered about the stalemate in the Middle East peace process and disillusioned with US policies in the region. The diplomatic support Washington enjoyed in spearheading the liberation of Kuwait has virtually disappeared.

Syria and Egypt, the two main Arab allies in the Gulf War, have expressed opposition to any American-led military action. Even other Gulf countries are distancing themselves. Western diplomacy is trying to maintain the semblance of Arab unity against Iraq by settling for weaker United Nations resolutions than the West would like and publicly pursuing a policy of

But frantic Western efforts are now being made in Arab capitals to persuade governments that the threat posed by Saddam has nothing to do with the Arab-Israeli peace

suade Arab opinion. There is criticism of US "hypocrisy" in cracking down on Iraqi violations of UN resolutions while doing little about what Arabs see as Israeli violations of the Oslo peace accords.

The rift with America was underlined by the decision of

6 The support America had for the liberation of Kuwait has virtually disappeared 9

leading Arab countries to boycott next week's Americanbacked Middle East economic summit in Qatar. to which Israel has been invited. Only a handful of Arab states will be represented, by low-level delegations. Yesterday David Levy, the Israeli Foreign Minister, said that he would not attend, though an Israeli delegation would go, headed by Natan Sharansky, the Trade

King Hussein of Jordan has

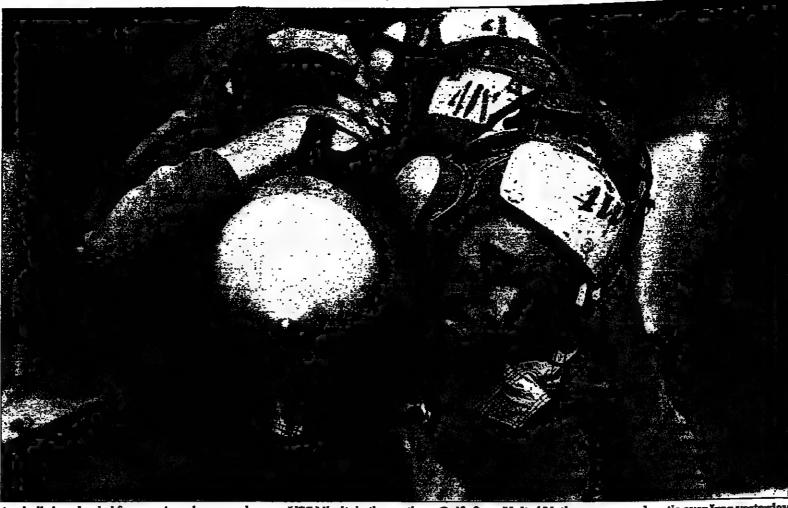
spot by Iraq. Since the Gulf War. Jordan has reversed its costly diplomatic support for

Although Iraq uses Jordan as its main foreign diplomatic base. King Hussein has given political asylum to Iraqi exiles and denounced the Baghdad Government. But there is still strong support among Jorda-nians for Iraq, coupled with deepening distillusion over Jordan's peace agreement with

The King paid dearly in the Gulf and Saudi Arabia for his attempts at diplomatic mediation before the Gulf War. He has now mended his fences. but is again calling for a time limit to Western sanctions and underlining the sufferings of the Iraqi people.

No Arab state has rallied to Iraq's side, however, as all know that America is certain to win any military confrontation. The Arabs are also embarrassed by Saddam's continuing internal oppression, his military threat to his neighbours and his open flouting of UN resolutions on weapons destruction.

Egypt and Syria have urged Baghdad to avoid a military confrontation with America. Newspapers are saying that an attack on Iraq would be tantamount to an attack on the whole Arab nation.



A missile is unloaded from an American warplane on USS Nimits in the northern Gulf after a United Nations-sponsored sortie over Iraq yesterday

Boycott of economic talks deals blow to America

BY CHOUSTOPHER WALKER

ARAB states from the Atlantic to the Gulf, together with the leadership of the 22-member Arab League, boycotting the fourth annual Middle East and North Africa economic conference due to open in the Gulf state of Qatar on Sunday.

The widespread boycott, organised nation-by-nation in protest at alleged **ARABS**

foot-dragging by Israel in the peace process since Binyamin Netanyahu took power in Israel last year, is a diplomatic blow to the United States. America will be represented at the conference by Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, but a whistle-stop tour by one of her officials to persuade the boycott are countries with the closest ties to the US: Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Morocco

Describing what is fast turning into a diplomatic debacle, the Tel Aviv paper Haaretz said yesterday that the conference, which was launched with a flourish in Morocco four years ago, "has been transformed from a celebra-

process". The paper noted that the boycott, which had left only five states Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Yemen and Tunisla — confirming their attendance, was the "last nail in the coffin of the vision of the new Middle East". Western spli

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Israeli leader rebuked by ... Blair over stalled peace

By MICHAEL BINYON AND CHRISTOPHICK WALKER

TONY BLAIR yesterday told Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, of Britain's "great concern" at the stalemate in the Middle East peace process, and spoke of the urgent need to move

In 70 minutes of Downing Street talks, officially described as friendly and conalso for European Union lead-ers, implicitly rebuked Mr Netanyahu for dragging his feet in implementing the Oslo peace accords. He said practisuch things as a new port and airport for Gaza and free passage through Israel to the West Bank. He also called for a halt to all new Jewish

The same tough line was taken by Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, over lunch. He said that Britain understood Israel's security worries,

NETANYAHU -IN LONDON

but wanted to see the implementation of Oslo, including land for peace, and of agreements with the Palestinians that Israel had already made. Mr Blair and Mr Cook discussed the situation in Iraq with the Israeli leader and

briefed him on Britain's stand, underlining the need to scrap struction. Mr Netanyahu offered Israeli support to the allied coalition. He also welcomed Israel's improving bilateral relations with Britain cal progress was needed on and Mr Cook's initiative in calling a conference next month on Nazi gold.

He will today have similar talks in London with Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, before going to America. She is also likely to take a tough line on settlements and Israel's approach to the peace process, and President Chinton, signalling

refused to make time to see Mr Netanyahu. Mr Netanyahu's scheduled departure for London was delayed for several hours as he tried to quell mounting turnoil with members of his Likud-led coalition.

Britain and the United States, the leading columnist Hemi Shalev wrote in the Tel Aviv daily Maariv. "Netanyahu is going to have to deal with abroad at a time when the real danger facing him is behind his back, here at home. The sad truth is the only units Netanvahu has succeeded in establishing at the present is the spreading general consen-sus that he has to be replaced

quickly." Anger inside Mr Netanyahu's · Likud party resulted from an ill-tempered conven-Minister and his close aides were accused of political trick-



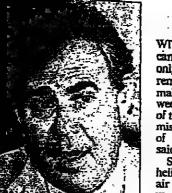
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Butler: UN commission

FROM JAMES BOND IN NEW YORK

WITH the withdrawal of six American weapons inspectors from Iraq only a skeleton staff of nine will remain and Baghdad could start making biological weapons within a week, Richard Butler, the chairman of the United Nations Special Commission charged with ridding Iraq of weapons of mass destruction, said

Seventy-two other inspectors and helicopter crew were due to leave by air today, but the six Americans were refused permission to join them and travelled by road to Jordan last night. They leave be inspectors, and about six

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Chilean helicopter technicians, to operate the weapons monitoring system put in place at the end of the Gulf War. Among those expected to stay are a Canadian, an Australian, a Finn, a New Zealander and a Jordanian interpreter. No Britons will be among them.

Mr Butler said the remaining inspectors would man the UN's monitoring centre at the Canal Hotel in Baghdad, watching video from its network of surveillance cameras around the country. He has also authorised a new U2 spy flight despite Iraq's objections to the use of the US planes. However, he

said the monitoring regime would inevitably be disrupted. "Our skeleton staff will be running our machines," he said. "Some of these are the screens on the receiving end of remote cameras. But I would be misleading you if I thought that gave us any confidence. Every day since October 29 has harmed our monitoring effort."

The Security Council met yesterday to discuss Iraq's defiance of a resolution it had passed only hours earlier, demanding that Baghdad reverse its decision to boar Americans from working as UN weapons inspectors.

Tariq Aziz, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, now in New York, brushed aside the danger of military

action, insisting: "We are not scared of the threats being made by the Americans." Mr Aziz told Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, yesterday that his Government was willing to continue to work with non-American inspectors and accused Mr Butler of "escalating the situation". "Iraq is ready to continue its co-operation with Unscom [the inspections agency]." Mr Aziz said. "Unscom could perform fully its duties inside Iraq with the person-

ghdad nel it has or with any other uneri- personnel the executive chairman apons decides to send except the Americans."

Prime Mr Aziz reiterated Baghdad's

Mr Aziz reiterated Baghdad's demand for Unscom to be restructured to reduce the influence of Americans, blaming them for preventing the commission from certifying that Iraq deserves to have the UN oil embargo lifted, which depends on its co-operation with the weapons inspectors. "We are not against the Americans for their nationality, but because of the dominant role the Americans play in Unscom we requested the Security Council to recompose the

Aziz said.

"This organ should not be dominated by one nationality, because the American Government has a special agenda aginst Iraq, is hostile against Iraq, and it is not fair, not

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Special Commission so that it

becomes a real international organ.

not an American-led organ," Mr

just that the Americans are left to lead the commission when they are implementing their Government's policy."

Despite periodic crises, the UN monitoring effort has had unexpected success in ferreting out Iraq's banned biological and chemical weapons programmes and its stock of ballistic missions have turned up evidence that Iraq had stockpiled huge quantities of chemical arms and even deployed biological weapons during the Gulf War. UN inspectors believe, however, that Baghdad is continuing to conceal large amounts of the nerve gas VX as well as biological agents such as

Western split on military option dents US resolve

FROM IAN BRODIE

FOR all the hardening of the American position, White House officials insisted yesterday that President Clinton and his team had not yet reached the stage of ordering a military attack against Iraq, although a US armada armed with cruise missiles and fighter aircraft remained on high

alert in the Gulf,
"We are being careful not to
beat the war drums," one
official said. However, an
overwhelming reason for
Washington's hesitation was
that, with the exception of
Britain, the United States
stands alone among the coalition of allies who wanted to
punish Iraq militarily after its
invasion of Kuwait. The script
has changed and the differences between the US and
Britain on one side and.
France, Russia, Egypt and
several more on the other are

regarded in Washington as so cager to resume oil links with lraq that they would be willing to overlook President Saddam Hussein's misbehaviour. The Americans have little understanding of the resentment generated in Europe by their recent attempts to threaten with economic sanctions those doing business with countries they

The next move, then, was to

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call yet another meeting of the UN Security Council, due to start last night. British and American hopes were for a transimous statement to be issued in the name of the council president, China, that could possibly shreaten new sanctions against Iraq unless Saddam allows the return of the full weapons team, including its American members, to continue the monitoring and dismantling of Iraq's arsenal of terror.

On Wednesday, the council rejected US and British moves to threaten Iraq with "serious consequences" and voted unanimously instead for the weaker language of a resolution that spoke only of "further measures" if Iraq continued to defy the UN.

Mr Clinton said yesterday that in the past six years the inspectors in Iraq have destroyed more weapons of mass destruction potential than were destroyed in the entire Gulf War. "It is important for the safety of the world that they continue the work," he

said.

Brussels: The European Union is sending its ambassadors back to Iran after a hiatus of more than six months prompted by a Berlin court finding that the Iranian Government had ordered the murder of Kurdish dissidents in Germany. (Reuters)

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Saudis and Turks limit Tornado missions

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE decision to send HMS Invincible towards the Gulf came partly because of diplomatic problems over the use of the Tornado GRI groundattack aircraft that are based in Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

The six Tornados at Al Kharj, near Riyadh, and the six at Incirlik in Turkey will not be allowed to use their bases for offensive action against Iraq without host nation approval. Neither Saudi Arabia nor Turkey is expected to sanction military action against Iraq from their territory. In the case of

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Turkey, the Americans and the British have not even asked for permission because they know it will be refused. The Saudis have also made clear that they will not agree to any "offensive" action being taken from their air

Britain is discussing with Kuwait and Bahrain the option of moving some of the Tornados to bases on their territory. However, the arrival in the Guif area of a Royal Navy carrier equipped with RAF Harrier GR7s, which are capable of low-level attack

sorties at night, would make it less urgent to seek permission for Tornado involvement in any action. The Harrier GR7 has a combat range of more than 500 miles and is armed with laser-guided Paveway bombs and 1,000lb bombs with laser heads.

The Americans have many more military options because of their cruise missile capability. The Royal Navy will have to wait until next year before it acquires the first batch of Tomahawk missiles from the Americans for its nuclear-powered submarines. The US Navy has several types of Tomahawks deployed in the Gulf. Two cruisers and four destroyers are

armed with a mixture of Block 2 Tomahawks with a range of more than 800 miles and Block 3 Tomahawks with a range of more than 1,000 miles. One attack submarine, the USS Olympia. has missiles on board with a range of up to 720 miles.

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The US Air Force is likely to want to get involved, especially since the B52 cruise missile attack on iraq last year was largely unsuccessful. American air chiefs will seek to prove that their air-launched cruise missiles can be as effective as the naval versions. B52s based in the United States or in Guam are therefore likely to take part in any strike against Iraq.

Attack by press on Clinton

"blackmail"
FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU
IN NICOSIA

EVEN if Iraq does not take foreigners hostage, as it did after invading kuwait seven years ago, the authorities have probably whipped up enough popular sentiment to endanger anyone in a UN vehicle.

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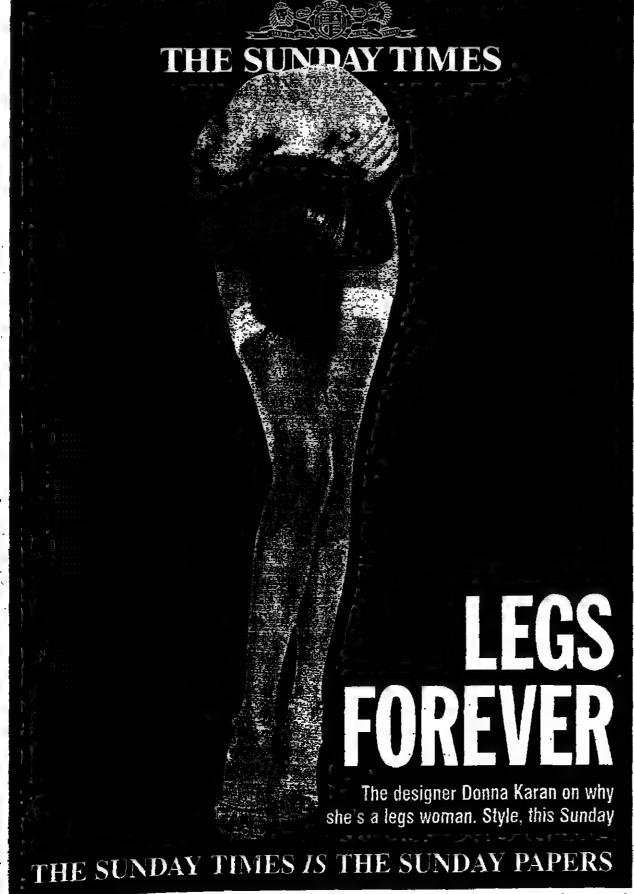
The decision to expel US arms experts came at a meeting, chaired by the Iraqi dictator, of the Revolutionary Command Council and the ruling Baath party's regional leadership. It will be valid

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"until the American Administration and the UN Security Council reconsider their policies in dealing with Iraq", the Iraqi News Agency reported. Earlier, Baghdad barred Americans from UN in-

Earlier, Baghdad barred Americans from UN inspections for the tenth time in Il days as state-run newspapers thundered against unjust new sanctions brought about by Washington's blackmail at the UN.

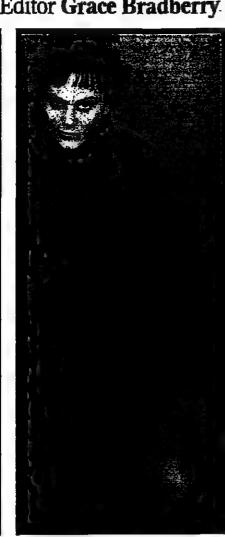
Far from getting sanctions lifted, Iraq's attitude means that they will almost certainly be prolonged. This strengthens suspicions that Saddam's aim is to cling to his clandestine weapons programmes and that he threw down the gauntlet to the UN because inspectors were on the verge of a major discovery.





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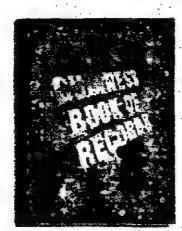


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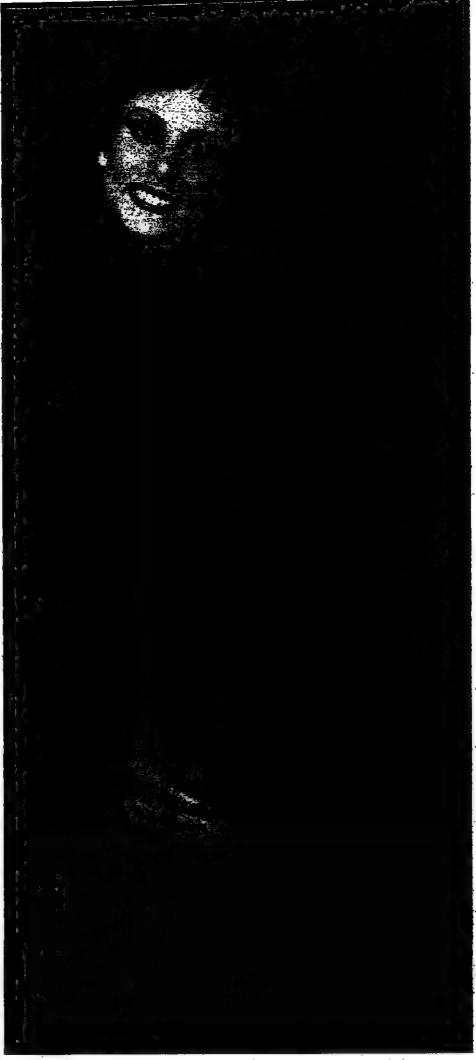
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all, didn't we give the world the twinset, a chic twist on wearing two woollies at once? But layering, as it is practised on the catwalk for this season will be rather foreign to most people. Dries Van Noten, Belgium's most successful designer, is the leading proponent of the look.

He collects richly patterned fabrics and textured knits from around the world. The pieces he creates are individ-ually desirable, but beg to be bought together. Once you have succumbed to the brocade trousers, the cashmere tank with chillon wrap dress attached becomes a must. And so it goes on, until you have a whole wardrobe of Dries — all

of which can be worn at once.

It's not only decorative designers who have caught the layering bug, however. Junya Watanabe, the avant garde Japanese designer, combines dresses with trousers in such a skilful way that it doesn't seem odd at all.

The Austrian Helmut Lang and Hussein Chalayan, the most intellectual of Britain's young guns, have done clever things with flaps, attaching them to the front and back of trousers — great for women who have failed to come to

terms with their backsides.
Other designers have used the skirt over trousers idea as a neat way to make this cessible. Miu Miu, the Prada diffusion line, showed the shortest of short skirts and dresses — but the tunic designs can be slipped over slimleg velvet trousers.

The key is to eliminate bulk.

Trousers must have no pleats, no bulging pockets, no creases. The more you play with different textures, the more successful the look will be.

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The dark world of Iain Banks

Iain Banks refuses to play the literary game, yet his novels about the dark side of humanity are bestsellers. Interview by Robin Eggar

ome way between his seventh and eight pint of bitter, having al-ready discussed the Glasgow Rangers back four. lain Banks confesses his addiction to the computer game Civilisation 2. And how, when his wife comes in and he is busy playing it, he tries to pretend he is busy writing. But despite all this beer and male bonhomie, Iain Banks is a New Bloke - part politically correct anorak, part retarded adolescent. He won't laugh if someone tells an off-colour ioke about women or ethnic minorities. Or if he does, it is in spite of himself and he will immediately apologise. And he is also Scotland's best-

selling — and arguably best novelist. Torture and

murder

are

described

in detail

Hawes Inn, right underneath the Forth Rall Bridge in North Oueens lerry, Fife, to watch a screening of The lain Banks, a South Bank Show devoted to him screened on Sunday. The Inn is world-famous

because Robert Louis Stevenson used to drink there. Many regard Banks as Stevenson's "I am totally flattered by

comparisons with Robert Louis," he says. "I've never come up with any archetype as stunning as his -- and he came up with two, Dr Jekyli and Mr Hyde, and Treasure Island." Banks exploded on to the literary scene in 1984 with

publication of The Wasp Factory, the story of a 16-year-old "I'm sure I'd be a lot more boy who delights in torturing animals and, occasionally, killing people. It was an instant bestseller. Short, powerful, technically accomplished and full of gruesome scenes and descriptions of appalling abuse, it divided critics. Earlier this year, the novel appeared at number 31 Books of the Century" - just behind Nabokov's Lolita, but ahead of Proust's A la Recherche du Temps Perdu.

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In the 13 years since The Wasp Factory, Banks has written 16 books, alternating mainstream novels with seven science fiction romps. Always a good seller, his sales redoubled after BBC2 adapted The Crow Road in 1996. His latest hardback, A Song Of Stone, has already sold more than 50,000 copies since it was published this summer.

Banks lives in North Queensferry, not far from where he was born in 1954, His father was a naval officer, his mother an ice skater. An only child, Iain was always reading. His earliest influ-ences, he says, came from television, comics and science

Stirling University to study literature psychology philosophy and spent most of his time there, he

my room". He only ever wanted to be a novelist, and for nearly ten years graduating worked in a series of part-time jobs. Three science fiction novels were rejected by

accepted The Wasp Factory. Banks was living in Kent at the time of his initial success, but returned to Fife with his Anglo-German wife, Annie. She hasn't read any of his books since her warned her that the bestselling Complicity was "too violent". They have no children. Banks suspects that if they did, it might dilute his childlike relish for exploring the dark side of humanity.

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mature, sensible, steady," he reflects. "But I love children. I go hopelessly gooey over little The making of a South Bank Show appears to confirm his status as a cultural icon, vet he does not see himself as part of the literary scene. Although he was chosen British Novelists in 1993, he has never made the Booker

shortlist. Perhaps it is because he won't play the literary game. He would rather sink pints with his old schoolfriend and fellow sci-fi author Ken MacCleod than hairg around the Groucho Club. He never writes book reviews or learned articles, and is scathing about most contemporary novelists.

The assumption that one is

too intellectually well devel-

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and get more out of it."

Although most of his mainstream novels are set either in Scotland or in distorted visions of its landscapes, Banks insists he is not a "Scottish writer". He is a writer who is a Scot and proud of it. He admits that when he was nine he announced to his shocked mother that he felt more British than Scottish. Today the reverse is true. He is an old-fashioned socialist, forced

by distaste for the former Conservative administration into nationalism.

"After Thatcher came to power I felt alienated and a lot more Scottish," he says. "I don't think many people of my generation will ever feel Brit-

anks makes a strong distinction between his mainstream and his science fiction novels, which he writes under the name lain M. Banks. love, and is still where he feels happiest. Several feature "The Culture", a Utopia where machines and human beings live in harmony, while others are extremely funny space operas. Perversely, while in his mainstream novels suffering is manifest and the writing is tight, his science fiction is

The mainstream novels he divides into "nice" and "grim". Even in the "nice" books (The Crow Road, Whit), the satire is

optimistic and a trifle self-

 grandmothers explode, friends betray each other. In the "grim" fiction (Wasp Factory, Complicity), torture, perversion and murder are described with a graphic, precise attention to detail.

Iain Banks: "There aren't enough people trying to write the stuff I try to write without being popular. To surrender the idea of a decent plot to the likes of Jeffrey Archer is moral suicide."

"I don't know where it comes from," admits Banks. "Maybe it is some kind of cathartic thing, or an insurance policy -- once you have. imagined it, it can't happen in reality to you. When I write the scenes it is a technical exercise. obscene thing, but as far as I am concerned it is happening in the reality of the book, and therefore it has to be described as well as possible. The role of a novelist should be never to

If there are two Isin Bankses on the page, off it there is only really one. He enjoys his image as a "slack-er". His working routine is simple. He starts work on a book in October and finishes it by Christmas, writing 3,000

compromise."

Then he thinks about it for a month while the editor reads his first draft. Another week of intense writing and it is done. For the next six months he thinks about the next book.

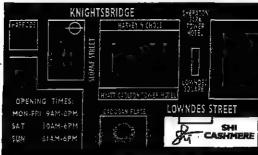
and has fun. This is the Banks who likes downing pints in the pub, who happily admits to being a big kid, who goes to science fiction conventions, who studies maps and marks all the roads he has driven in Scotland with different coloured pencils. His ing fast, buying too many CDs and playing computer games. He is thinking about taking flying lessons. What Banks seems to have

achieved is a perfect balance between his inner and outer life. When he goes outside, he is just another bloke. When he writes, he constantly walks to the edge of the precipice. Then he jumps off — and is contin-ually surprised to see that his audience has followed him. ● The Strange World of lain Banks, ITV 10.50pm, November 16

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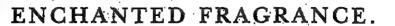




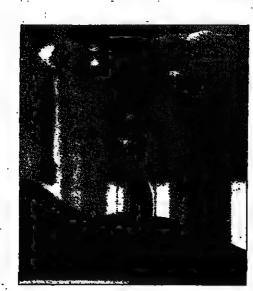
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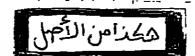


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Has Labour sold its soul for a Bernie?

John Lloyd on the need to redefine

the moral boundaries of politics

The acceptance, and disguise of acceptance, of El million from Bernie Ecclestone, coupled with the decision to exempt Formula One from the tobacco advertising ban, is Labour's first real crisis. It is real because it is deep - not just for the party, but for the Government and for democratic governance. It resides both within the party's procedures and culture; but more seriously it lies outside both, in trends and movements over which it like all parties and governments, seems to have little control.

The party crisis can and will be weathered. Nothing points to an underlying failure of Labour in the country. Wil-tiam Hague is looking increasingly less like a boy doing a man's job - but he is still plodding through the foothills.

Yet I have heard more cynicism on this affair from within the party and the Government than on any other Issue. One insider said that from now on all large donawould be called Bernies": another that the policy with which he would be concerned could fail because nobody had put up enough money to see it through. Both were jokes; but with a bitter edge. a presumption of "us" who carry on representing the people or working in govern-ment, ranked against "them" in the inner circle who see

New Labour has an image crisis. It was presented to the electorate as the party of openness, honesty and transparency, confronting a Conservative Government whose sleaziness had made it incapable of inspiring the people. It mobilised sarcasm, revelation and, above all, moral outrage. Its promise was to squeeze ize out of public life; it recognised a lack of trust in politicians and promised to rebuild it, bit by bit.

Now it has been shown to be evasive on facts, grudgingly conceding information only under pressure and threatening towards those who pressed for an honest account. This was the kind of reaction we had come to expect from the

Labour can rightly claim that it moved rapidly to review the underlying situation of which the "Bernie" was an instance, but that is because it knows much better than did the last Government how to limit damage, not because it is more moral. I do not believe Tony Blair

exempted Formula One racing from the tobacco advertising ban because his party got a "Bernie": I did not believe that John Major, when Chancellor of the Exchequor in 1989, relieved foreigners of paying tax in this country because some of the wealthier among them were large donors to the Tory party. The Labour Party at the time said the affair stank, and they were right. It stank not because of Major's moral bona fides, but because there must have been a corner of his mind which was forever money — as there must also be with Tony Blair.

A study done in the University of Southern California has shown that senators were swaved by donors' interests on 25 per cent of their votes.

"Swayed by" does not mean obeying the dictates of the moneybags. It means that a little donor prompt bleeps from time to time. That is what they pay for, and that is - of course - what they get.

suffers. This means, in turn, that the Government's stock of trust and momentum drains away a little. Tony Blair did not just ask for the public's trust on moral grounds; he asked for it because he wants to dedicate his Government to large tasks which he believes the Tories left undone — and which clearly, towards the end, they were indeed unable to undertake with real energy.

Tony Blair and Gordon Brown clearly see that mechanisms, institutions and political culture must be reshaped to provide the economic and social infrastructure for a step change in the economy — the change from production to intellectual corporations. They must cope with the unremitting pressure from global competition and the rapidly growing expectations of both the workforce and the out-ofworkforce. Mr Blair is right; hard

decisions have to be taken so that we can live with such change. Many of these decisions will be in a direction we know well from the past two decades - that of detaching the citizen from the State. giving him or her increasing sponsibility for providing for life's large events, accidents and tragedies. No one proposes any coherent other way. But this transition, alarming to millions, can be undertaken only by an Administration which enjoys a high reputation with the majority.

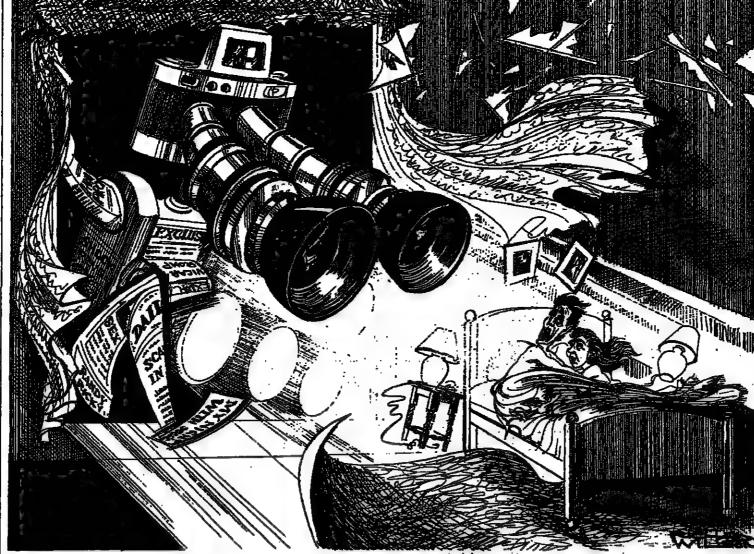
Democracy, finally, suffers from this, not because Labour is irredeemably sleazy, but because it shows itself unable, or unwilling, to take on the pressures which confront it.

olitics is increasingly theatre. It is a spectacle designed for media attention. This is expensive both to mount and to maintain. The number of the very wealthy rises rapidly; some among them are individuals who wish to be active politically, not only for public-spirited reasons but because they want advantage for their corporations. New Labour's very success in presenting itself as a non-ideological machine as worthy of business support as are the Conservatives means there is now a straight compe-

tition for corporate and mil-lionaires' cash — which gives the latter choice, and tempts party leaders to offer a little more than the other guy. Labour did not invent these

trends. It spotted them, went with them, has benefited from them. Now it sees the seamier side. It is suffering from having exposed itself. To combat that, and to regain trust, it must strive to be an island of modesty and probity in a sea of leaping affluence and blurred moral boundaries. A tough task, for a party which has just learnt to enjoy highrolling. But necessary, if its high aims are to rest on continued public support.

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Feasting on heartbreak

his is a tale of five women. Each has stood within inches of the line of fire of the British media. None has herself been the target. None herself sought fame. All have been through hell. All are now forgotten. All are still alive. Two are silent, three speak. I have met and talked to these three over the past few months.

For BBC Radio 5 Live I have been making a series, The Politician, the Actress and the Bishop, now being broadcast. My subject is the scandals industry. Our focus has been not to rehash the scandals, but to investigate the process by which they became famous. How is behaviour which among most of our countrymen would be regarded as commonplace, if wrong, turned into a national

The inquiry has been intriguing in many ways; but what fascinated me most was the impact not upon the obvious targets - public figures in a major or minor way — but upon those private individuals who get caught in the crossite: the wives and lovers who never wanted to be in the newspapers. I have had the chance to meet people over whose lives a tidal wave of public interest suddenly swept, briefly but with unimaginable force: leaving them astonished, wounded and beached.

I liked those I met, every one. They were better, nicer and more interesting women than stupid press caricatures would suggest.

Before introducing the first, Gillian Roberts, let me remind you of a tale which, being inconsequential, died as fast as it flared. It hit Mrs Roberts like this. She was at home in a village in North Yorkshire. Her husband had separated from her and was involved with another woman. She was watching the Boat Race when a journalist from the News of the World knocked. Was she having an affair with the vicar?

She sent him away. The truth is she was. What she did not know, but (along with ten million readers of the News of the World) was shortly to discover, was that the newspaper had installed a hidden camera in a bookcase by her bed. They were about to publish pictures of her making love with the Rev Roger Holmes, who was shricking (said the paper): "I'm the knicker vicar of North Yorkshire!" Her estranged husband, still nominally a householder, had let the newspaper install the camera while she was away. "I went into a complete panic when When the tabloids are on the scent of scandal, nobody is left unhurt

I registered what they had done," she told me. She searched desparately for hidden cameras. She showed me the hole in her bedside bookcase where one must have been installed.

It was, of course, the vicar, not she, who was the newspaper's target. But she felt utterly violated - in some ways more so than her male lover. I suppose I expected to meet some sort of giggling floozie. Instead I met an immensely thoughtful and civilised 35-year-old woman with a degree in English literature from the University of London and a master's degree medieval literature. Of the pair,

more sensitive. Of the pair, she was the more grievously I never met the

vicar's wife. Mrs Lynn Holmes has steadfastly refused to talk to the press. though she could have made a great

Holmes will have seen everybody's side of the story published but her own. Of the trio, I suspect, she is the worst hurt of all.

Two women, then, neither the focus of media interest, but part of the collateral darnage. Both are too strong for it to be fair to say their lives have been wrecked. But to talk to Gillian Roberts is to talk to the survivor of the equivalent of some horrific road accident, still staring into space and in a state of posttraumatic shock. Will she ever feel completely private, anywhere, again?

This, too, was the impression which Julia Stent gave. She was the former lover of the then Tory minister, Tim Yeo. His wife knew the affair had happened. Julia Stent's baby by him. Claudia, was only months old, and was recovering from hospital treatment, when her Christmas Eve three years ago was shattered by the arrival at her door of the press.

She endured some three months of nightmare. The media staked her out weeks, followed her to Lanzarote on an attempted holiday with her baby, telephoned her in the night, and even faked a call from an accident and emergency ward, claim-ing she had been seriously injured

and seeking from her appalled elderly mother (via her doctor's surgery) the name of the baby's next of kin.

"Hiding did me no good at all," she told me. "I stayed out of the way and the press had to invent a character." In fact, the press invented two, which they freely interchanged. Stent was a lover and a lawyer. Simple then - "slag and party-girl"; or "bossy, modern career-woman", "No average single mother," sneered The Guardian. "Few fallen women have fallen so squarely on their feet." simpered The Sunday Times, "suc-

giggled The Sun. Only when warned that if she would not talk, the News of the World might run

deal of money had she done so. Mrs the story along the lines of a jolly quiz which of these ministers might be the father of Julia's baby?" - did she confirm her lover had been Yeo.

She told me she was offered huge sums for interviews — and astronomical sums to pose scantily clad. She refused, so the press said she was clamming up and "hiding". When she finally buckled and sold an interview to Hello! magazine because (she believed - correctly) they would treat her and her baby kindly, and the rest of the press might then goaway, The Guardian attacked her. The Daily Star's commentary? "Hello - I smell a big rat - the hypocrisy makes me want to vomit. First Tim. Yeo's mistress begs the press to leave her alone then — hey prestol — she and her baby are splattered all over the pages of that brown-nosing

magazine, Helio!" Yet Julia Stent was not the target. In the end the media got their man: Tim Yeo resigned as minister. You may think they hurt him. No doubt.

But I think they hurt her more. And here, too, is a second woman at whose hurt we can only guess because she does not speak to reporters. Mrs Diane Yeo must have been wounded enough by the fact of

her husband's affair, but the public

humilation which followed — this was the biggest national news around over that whole Christmas period - will have been mortifying. She resisted the pressure to give "her side" in print. I think people who do not give interviews to reporters are

And now for Joanna Whibley, who did finally speak to the BBC. I would have been tempted to make my fortune in the process. She never tried to. This is the woman who in the late Seventies had a relationship with the Roman Catholic Bishop of Argyil, Roderick Wright. A son, Kevin, was born in 1981. I went to see her at home, a month ago.

She told a story of near-siege by the press, of neighbours bringing emergency food supplies, of her attempts through her curtains, of Kevin running a gauntlet on his way to school She showed us the slips of paper pushed under her door requesting interviews and offering special protection - and money. Persuaded that Tory at bedtime," she sought nothing for herself, jour-giggled The Sun. nalists then tried to blackmail her with offers for charitable causes how, they asked her, could she find it in her heart to deprive a charity? Finally she agreed to give the BBC her story. She believed they would play fairest with her.

> f all my interviewees, Jo-anna Whibley was the most painfully honest, and tortured about her own motives. She had both feared expo-sure, she said, yet found it a relief when it came. Church sources had never acknowledged her son's existence until she spoke. She was torn between an angry shame that he was being airbrushed out of the picture; and a desire to protect him from harassment. She had been talked into an injunction gagging the media from asking her son questions - and now Kevin, whom I think was longing to give his side of the story, could not be interviewed. He seemed an intelligent and loving son.

Two good people who haven't bared their hearts for money, trying to keep their heads above water on an estate near Eastbourne. Collateral damage in the onward rush of our growing national hysteria. I end the series with no brainwaves for putting things right. But do we have to go on

The series continues for three weeks at noon on Sundays.

Philip **Howard**



Follow the paper chase of a high-tech Prospero

hi for a Magnetometer That could discover hidden manuscripts, Like Mary Shelley's long-lost children's book (It was the book was lost and not As modern Prosperos with high-Have found the prototype for First Balls of Brits' obsession Except those Ancient Britons Their wooden henge has stayed stuck in the ground For 50 centuries. Our plastic Or praying for fine weather will worth more than gold. Records of Ecclestone's Bounty may come to light — For its sport to have nice Mr Hoist with his own cowpat of yucky sleaze — And Bernie plays the clown i' this tragical farce Of Grand Prix bungs and shunts and knavery. And other masterpièces from the Lie deep in paper mines waiting Could memorise another Drenching our stage with gore Easier to admire than translate

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Keith may yet be found.

Though if the textual scholars interpreting it as they are for the Dead Sea Scrolls That lost book might as well stay To lie in obfuscation and to rot. Kipling's lost homosexual novel The sequel to Jane Eyre, A la Du temps perdu, Dante's infer-Sir Gawain and the Technicolor Knight. But of all the paper treasures of the past. Shredded in the backward and abysm of time, The one we most desire is Shakespeare's own, Love's Labour's Won, a play which might unclasp For us the last book even of his secret soul. Love's Labour's Lost, his comedy of love, With the King of Navarre and his three courtiers, Has never been the most popular of his plays. It is too full of puns and arch conceits.

Too witty by half. But it has

moments too.

The words of Mercury are harsh after the L songs of Apolic. You, that way; we, this." That farewell has a dying fall. Tears to the eyes.

And when those four pretentious young gallants Each overhears each other confessing love, And breaking vows of austere Memory clicks: Sir Toby Belch Peep out from the box tree while Malvolio reads The treacherous letter setting him up as a guil; And Benedick is tricked to overhear How Beatrice is supposedly in love with him. While Beatrice is similarly set up to overhear How Benedick's in love with her. Love's Labour's Won Was listed as one of Shakespeare's comedies In 1598. For years It was identified with non-PC The Taming of the Shrew. But then both titles Were listed on a bookseller's So Love's Labour's Won may actually exist. In some paper mountain of old manuscript, The Bodleian, an Inn of Court, OUT OWN Offices, To be found when we shift paper And if it does, it's worth a Grand Than Bernie's dosh, tobacco

bungs or Mandy's slips.

words, of course.

True immortality and priceless-

Only in the word. But the right

Smoking gun

ALAN MILBURN, the Health Minister responsible for NHS budgets lobbied Rothmans to keep open two huge factories in Co Durham that produce 900 million cigarettes a week. As his fellow Health Minister Tessa Jowell attempts to extricate herself from the row about her links with tobacco advertising in Formula One, Milburn has admitted that he contacted senior management at the Swiss conglomerate to save 1,400 jobs he feared were threatened in Darlington and Spennymoor. The MP

for Darlington, whose department spends £1.7 billion a year treating smokers, said on the eve of the election: "Neither [town] can afford to lose an employer like Rothmans. The consequences of closure don't bear thinking about."

Milburn, former president of the MSF white-collar union until becoming an MP in 1992, delighted former comrades by his robust defence of an industry employing so many of his members. Milburn. a Gordon Brown crony, was drafted into the department as a safe pair of hands.

When I ran my scoop past Rothmans it said it would keep the MP informed should there be any possibility of job losses. If he is not too busy, that is, dealing with the 120,000 people who die here a year from lighting up.

• IT MUST be the only profession where the use of what is produced is judged irrelevant. Philip Morri-



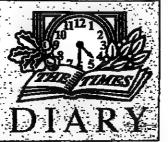
Milburn and 20 friends

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son, an associate with Architects Co-Partnership, was awarded a prize for designing a hospital in Gaza. Building Design magazine says the hospital. funded by a £23million EU grant, remains unused six months after completion.

Stirling work

HAVING scoured Pevsners, English Heritage has found digs to launch its annual report. No 1



carbuncle designed by the late Sir James Stirling. Problem. English Heritage spent five years campaigning against it when the site's owner, Lord Palumbo, first suggested it in 1984. The then chairman, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu. objected that eight listed Victorian buildings would be demolished. Senior figures in English Heritage are unamused. Since Sir Jocelyn Stevens became chairman in 1992. priorities have changed. "Sir Jocelyn has decided the debate is closed," says a well-filled skirt there. Nothing to do with his close friend Palumbo, naturally.

• POSTSCRIPT to the appointment of Alec Reed, Labour donor. whom Tony Blair asked to investigate the bad state of education and training. His own empire. Reed Executive, must have an im-Poultry, in the City, a monstrous peccable record on employment

rights? Er. not quite. Earlier this year an industrial tribunal found of his Toronto-based Hollinger an offshoot guilty of sexual dis-crimination and wrongful dismiss-al against a pregnant manager who had worked there for 24 years. Marlene Turner had complained to Reed of harassment but the tri-bunal ruled that the matter had not been corrected. Reed told the tribunal: "We always fight tribu-nal cases and we always win."

Black arts

What a right-on guy.

I HEAR that Conrad Black, Telegraph proprieter, has invited Tony Blair to speak at the annual dinner



Group, in a London art gallery. Past speakers have included Mar-garet Thatcher and Ronald Reagan. I hope that Black, whose newspapers are still preoccupied with the Conservatives, is not dem-onstrating his affection for a leader of the Left a little too late.

 TESSA JOWELL, the embattled Health Minister, has cancelled plans today to present a Bella magazine prize to a woman who has given up smoking. Coward.

Jobsworth

DESPITE his much-vaunted humble roots, Michael Meacher is rather grand. So Whitehall is exercised by suggestions that the Environment Minister has appointed a. special adviser, a privilege re-served hitherto for Cabinet members, paid from public funds. Meacher's office names Stephen Tindale as his special adviser. So what is Tindale's job? "I work closely with Mr Meacher," he says. When, I wonder, is a special adviser not a special adviser?

 FOR a man who collected families. Sir James Goldsmith's small and intimate memorial service was bereft of spouses. A discreet order



Kissin tell: Evgeny

some grand acolytes would have to leave wives at home. No mistresses, either.

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ALARMING news from that much admired stretch of trouser, Evgeny Kissin. Russian planist: when he weds he might continue to live with his parents. "In Russia children sometimes do so indefinitely." he says (from his folks' flat in New York). "I wouldn't mind nor I am sure would my wife." Sure, old boy. -

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DISILLUSION DAY

For all who thought that Labour government might be different

Tony Blair has learnt little from the mistakes of the Major administration. The last Prime Minister, when he was in trouble, would usually react too little, too late and under pressure. The result was that he looked weak and shifty, and rarely seemed in control of events. Anyone who had been out of the country since April might now return and wonder what has changed.

The saga of tobacco sponsorship, Formula One, and the donations of its boss, Bernie Ecclestone, is a new lesson in how not to conduct government. The masters of media manipulation have allowed themselves to be driven by the media. Each time that The Times has revealed a fact - from the size of Mr Ecclestone's first donation to the possibility of a second - Labour has produced only the minimum most defensive

This pattern has been evident from the very beginning. Mr Blair did not, as he suggested, ask Sir Patrick Neill for advice on whether to accept Mr Ecclestone's money as soon as he had reached the decision to exempt Formula One from the sponsorship ban. He did so when it became clear that newspapers were going to publish the existence of a donation.

Then, when Labour agreed to follow Sir Patrick's advice and repay the money, it refused to reveal the size of the donation, or the fact that another had been offered. Only when The Times found out that it was nearer £1 million than £5,000 did the party admit that fact. But even then, it took more journalistic investigation to discover what Labour had tried to hide that another gift had been offered since.

It is not only the public that has been deceived. So has Sir Patrick. When Labour's General Secretary, Tom Sawyer, wrote to the chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, he made no mention of the huge size of Mr Ecclestone's donation. Doubtless he hoped that, by sticking to the "more than £5,000" formula, Sir Patrick would dismiss it as trivial and advise that it could be kept.

Luckily for Sir Patrick, his instinct took him in the other direction. As it turns out, the decision he made was exactly right. But it might not have been. This was a disgraceful attempt to exploit Sir Patrick's inexperience in the job and to mislead him through

Labour has also dragged its feet in releasing the text of Mr Sawyer's letter and The Times has had to resort to other sources to see a copy of Sir Patrick's reply. Now that the former has been published, Labour's evasiveness is easier to understand. Mr Sawyer's letter reads as if he was not even asking Sir Patrick to rule on Mr Ecclestone's first gift, only on the propriety of accepting the second. The party was shocked to be advised to return the El million as well. But it has still tried to take credit for acting with honour.

The Conservatives will inevitably struggle to criticise Labour for its actions; in power they were even more secretive. But Labour, by being only half-open, has made matters far worse than they needed to be. The party should have admitted both donations actual and potential - from the start, along with their amounts. Then, when Mr Blair was minded to change policy, ne should have said so openly, giving time and opportunity for opponents to put their case. It may well be true, as he claims, that he took "the right decision for the right reasons". But he has given the public no chance to put this claim to the test.

In order to avoid being accused of succumbing to undue influence, the Prime Minister should have taken the greatest pains to consult, explain and open up decision-making. Instead, we have seen shiftiness and cover-up. For many supporters of Mr Blair, this week will mark the beginning of disillusionment.

CHALLENGE TO CLINTON

Iraq cannot be allowed to choose its own inspectors

Subtlety is not Saddam Hussein's best known trait of character. His decision to expel American arms monitors operating for the United Nations in Iraq is simple to decipher. He has sensed division in the ranks of those who once sought to eliminate his biological, chemical and nuclear weapons capacity. The UN Security Council resolution which was adopted on Wednesday meekly failed to find Iraq in "material breach" of its international obligations and fell short of repeating its warning of "serious consequences" if Baghdad did not conform swiftly. The travel ban imposed on Iraqi officials will be, at most, an inconvenience. His offer to tolerate resumed external inspection without the excluded Americans is not a concession of any standing. The unfortunate price of unity among the five permanent members at the UN has been ambiguity in their message.

None of this is the fault of the Clinton Administration. The United States and Britain would have preferred a very much stronger resolution. This would have been entirely justified by the facts. Saddam's obstructionism can only be the outcome of his continued determination to construct and consolidate his considerable arsenal.

The credibility of the UN will be destroyed if Saddam is again allowed to continue in this fashion. The Security Council must make it clear — in language that is open to but one interpretation — that the UN, not Iraq, will determine its inspectorate. Saddam must be told that if his activities cannot be assessed on the ground then they will be bombed from the air. The Iraqi dictator has made his latest move because he has perceived weakness. He will now only be checked by a show of strength. Sufficient rigour may yet, as it has done in the past, ensure his compliance.

It cannot be assumed that this will automatically happen. Saddam might calculate that his opponents have little stomach for the use of force or will only engage in an exercise of a symbolic and superficial character. President Clinton may be required to disabuse him of that notion. There will be many in Washington urging restraint on the White House. It will be argued that firm action risks the fragmentation of the Gulf War coalition. It will be noted that American relations with the Arab world are already at a dangerously low ebb. It will be suggested that a protracted struggle with Iraq is against the President's personal and political interests. Mr Clinton might conchude from all this advice that a limited strike, avoiding any possible casualties — one that gave Saddam "a bloody nose" would be the safest option.

It would not be safe in the only sense that matters. That is the eradication of Iraq's illegal weapons. There is every suspicion that the most significant material has been stored in dense population centres. These are precisely the sites from which the UN inspectors have been precluded. Their location is the result of Saddam's strategy. He is determined to shape not only the diplomatic, but also the military, moves made against him. Mr Clinton cannot allow Iraq to select American targets or UN inspectors. A coherent allied stance should make an armed assault redundant. If not, Iraq's most fundamental breach of the ceasefire accords should be met by the most comprehensive military response.

ATTENTION ALL SHIPPING

Why should ferry operators pay for ministerial blunders?

The European Union's Dublin Convention on asylum-seekers, ratified by Britain in 1992, has landed this Government in difficulty. Britain rejected the applications for asylum lodged in Dover by hundreds of gypsies from the Czech Republic and Slovakia. But it is no longer legally empowered simply to put them on a return ferry to France or Belgium, whence they arrived in this country. Instead, it must transport them all the way home. The irritation of Mike O'Brien, the Home Office Immigration Minister, is understandable. But to shift the entire cost of the airfares onto the cross-Channel ferry companies, P&O and Stena, is manifestly inequitable, and his threat to open criminal proceedings against

them if they refuse is outrageous. Mr O'Brien says airily that the ferry operators "cannot just dump people at a UK port and abandon their responsibilities. What responsibilities? Ferry companies do not make the law. They are also not immigration officers and should not be expected to act as though they were. His point would be fair had they knowingly taken on board passengers without visas or valid travel documents to this country. But these coachloads of travellers came to

Britain entirely legally. Mr O'Brien's legal case for forcing the companies to pay rests on Article 8 of the 1971 Immigration Act. This says that if, for any reason, an immigration officer refuses entry to a passenger, he may direct the owners of the ship or aircraft which brought them here either to put them back on board, or "to make arrangements for his removal" in any ship or aircraft and to any destination that the immigration officer specifies. The companies are already paying the detention costs of the Gypsies in Dover — as the Act unequivocally, and unfairly, obliges them to do. Leaving aside whether to "make arrangements" is the same as "to pay for", the purpose of the Act can never have been to force companies which have accepted a cheap cross-Channel fare to bear the vastly higher costs of a long journey by air.

The companies have, rightly, objected to this impost. Rather than face the costs of a legal challenge, they have reluctantly shipped the occasional case home before; but this latest demand is a serious strain on the profitability of ferries already operating on a very tight margin. They argue, further, that the French Government has been willing to accept any passenger returned within 24 hours; it is hardly the ferry operators' fault that the Home Office takes far longer than

that to process cases. This alone would seem to amount to "reasonable excuse" under Article 27 (b) (iii) of the Act, the clause under which the Government proposés to prosecute - and which also refers to an obligation to make arrangements, rather than to pay. Stena and P&O should take the Government to court: and if they lose, Parliament should change

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Why I made my gift to Labour'

From Mr Bernie Ecclesione

Sir, Sir Patrick Neill's recommendation to the Labour Party that it repay my only donation to the party is well-intentioned but wrong unless Conservative and Labour both now repay all donations from anyone who might appear to have benefited from government decisions (reports, November 11, 12 and 131.

When I made my donation, Labour was not in power. It was their stated intention to ban tobacco advertising. to abolish the pound and to ensure that only criminals possess handgurs. I disagree with all these policies, but it would never have occurred to me to insult Mr Blair by suggesting that he change them in return for money.

I made a donation to the Labour Party because I believe Mr Blair to be a person of exceptional ability who, if free to acr, would do an outstanding job for our country. This, I thought, depended on independence from old-fashioned vested interests in the labour movement. My gift was intended to contribute to this. There were no strings attached. I have just paid an annual personal tax bill of £27 million for the simple privilege of living in England rather than a tax haven. With so large an investment, it is reasonable to pay a million or two extra as a contribution to a free and independent government for my country. When Mr Max Mosley and I visited

Mr Blair on October 16 to discuss tobacco advertising we had already secured the support of several EU governments. Our case was overwhelming -a han in the EU would have undesirable side effects but achieve no reduction in Formula One publicity for tobacco, while on the other hand the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile could offer a significant compulsory worldwide reduction in return for an EU exemption. My donation did not come into it - the case made itself, just as it had elsewhere in

the EU. I am all in favour of reform in political funding. Governments should be free from the influence of special interests be they trade unions, business or single-issue pressure groups. But until these reforms are in place, I should enjoy the same rights as everyone else. These include the right to make donations to any political party I choose. Anything less implies that I have done something wrong and is a gross, insulting and irrational restriction of

I have written to Sir Patrick asking him to reconsider his decision.

Yours faithfully, B. ECCLESTONE, Formula One Administration Ltd. 6 Princes Gate, SW7. November 13.

Tobacco sponsorship

From the Director General of the Cancer Research Campaign

Sir, Five years ago we published a compelling summary of all current evidence showing the influence of tobacco adverts on children. One study showed that children as young as six associated cigarettes with fast cars and motor racing. The publication had no impact on

the Government, but was exploited by the tobacco industry which targeted more of its advertising at the young.
Now we have a new study, publish ed in The Lancer this week, which

shows that boys are nearly twice as likely to become regular smokers if they are motor racing lans. If any further proof was needed to show that tobacco needs Formula One

as much as Formula One needs tobacco, your report today (later editions) that BAT Industries is expected to buy a Formula One team should suffice. The tobacco industry must recruit

half a million new smokers each year in Europe to replace the same number who die from their product. By allowing the industry to sponsor Formula One, the Government is helping them achieve that objective.

Yours sincerely.
GORDON McVIE, Director General. Cancer Research Campaign, 10 Cambridge Terrace, NWI. November 13

From Professor Tony Eccles

Sir, A central plank in Formula One's claim for continued tobacco industry sponsorship is that 50,000 jobs could be put at risk without it (letters, Nov-

ember 7, 11). That is utterly tenden-

tious. The likely figure is close to zero. When an industry clusters, as with Formula One in Britain, the concentration of critical skills makes its continuing attractions all but irresistible. That is why foreign banks flock to the City; why Hollywood remains vital to feature-film making; why Silicon Val-ley flourishes — despite many attempts to undermine them.

In motor racing, Britain has been dominant in Indycar design — without being based in the US. Ferrari's British chief designer successfully insisted on being based in Surrey and wouldn't even move to Italy. If location really did not matter, motorracing design and construction would long ago have departed to Japan. The FI races may shift towards the Far East, but there are plenty of other formulae to fill European tracks - most of them less boring than a grand prix procession - sponsored by more appealing industries than tobacco.

TONY ECCLES 12 Greville Place, NW6.

Call for new thinking on Iraq crisis

Baghdad.

economic benefits.

RIA-Novosti

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November 12.

VALENTIN KUNIN.

4 Zubovsky Boulevard,

From the Director of the

United Nations Association of

Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Sir, It is tragic that, once again, the

Iraqi Government has failed to re-

spond positively to the great efforts of

the UN Secretary-General to secure a

non-military resolution of the current

crisis. While we believe that these ef-

forts should continue, we would sup-

port additional measures against indi-

vidual Iraqi leaders, such as the with-

drawing of travel visas, the freezing of

personal foreign bank accounts and

Should military action finally be

deemed necessary it is essential that

this should be authorised by a specific

UN Security Council Resolution and that the Council remain in control of

the operation throughout. Unilateral

action by the US would only play into

Any military action should be tar-

geted only at military sites, and due

warning must be given to any civil-

ians used as human shields for mili-

tary installations to leave the areas

concerned. It is also vital that the Sec-

retary-General and the members of

the Security Council should continue

and intensify their consultations with

governments in the region, including tran.

Great Britain and Northern Ireland,

Yours sincerely, MALCOLM HARPER, Director,

United Nations Association of

3 Whitehall Court. SWI.

November 10.

Saddam Hussein's hands.

jor oil deals with Iraq and is keen to

get back billions of dollars worth of debts from Iraq, is extremely interest-

ed in the normalisation of the situa-

tion in that country and an early lift-

ing of international sanctions on

However, Saddam's calculations

that Russia would support his open

challenges to the world community are unrealistic. The Kremlin is hardly

likely to sacrifice its global geopoliti-cal interests and back an unpredict-

able regime for the sake of minor

From Dr Ahmad Chalabi, President of the Iraqi National Congress

Sir. Simon Jenkins ("Exploding the myth. November 12) is quite correct no point out that seven years of sanctions and bombing have probably served to bolster rather than weaken Saddam Hussein.

It is time for a new Iraq policy, one that will end Saddam's regime, not one that would allow him to rebuild his nuclear, biological and chemical arsenal. Britain should take the lead raking effective action to remove Saddam. A good first step would be to indict him and his associates for war crimes, crimes against humanity and

This should be followed by concerted support for the democratic Iraqi Opposition to work from its base in northern Iraq to oust the regime and establish a government that respects democracy, human rights and inter-

Yours sincerely AHMAD CHALABI. President, Iraqi National Congress, 124-128 Barlby Road, W10. November 12

From Mr Valentin Kunin

Sir. Ever since the beginning of the current crisis, high-ranking Russian diplomats have been engaged in in-sensive talks with the Iraqi leadership, trying to persuade Baghdad to back down from its tough stand and not to interfere with the UN ad hoc commis-

On November 5 Foreign Minister Evgeni Primakov stated that "Moscow intends to protest vigorously against anti-Iraq military operations, considering them harmful to the normalisation of the situation both in Iraq and outside," It was also thanks to Moscow's efforts that Saddam Hussein agreed to allow a UN Security Council delegation to visit Baghdad in the first place.

The Iraqi leader has failed to drive a wedge between permanent members of the Security Council as regards their attitude to his latest demarche. Moscow has made it quite plain that Iraq's decision to restrict the work of the commission was unacceptable, because it breaches the Security Council resolution, binding on all states and subject to complete fulfilment. Moscow, which has concluded ma-

Commons cuppas

From Mr A. G. Bryer

Sir, Mr Gary Streeter, MP, boasts (Diary, November 12) that he is "happy to drink [his] coffee wherever it comes from" and dismisses the Commons' decision to use only Fairtrade coffee (which ensures a fair deal for Third World farmers) as "a gimmick".

Fortunately many people, myself inour coffee (and tea) should receive a reasonable return and to this end we try to buy Fairtrade branded products, now increasingly available in the large supermarkets. I am delighted to see that our elected representatives will be doing the same, whether by

choice or not. Beyond a desire to do the right thing

by those who toil to meet our daily needs, trade - fair trade, not aid - is surely the most effective way to help much of the Third World; last February's BBC2 television documentary on the production of mangetout in Zimbabwe (television review, February 27) showed how little of what we pay for such produce finds its way to the pickers at the other end of the food

But the encouraging thing is that by paying very little more we could make a real difference to Third World farmers' standard of living. May we please be given more chances to do so.

Yours faithfully, TONY BRYER, 5a Waldegrave Gardens. Twickenham, Middlesex. November 13.

Sex selection

From Professor R. G. Gosden

Sir, Five years after the opening of the London Gender Clinic, you report (Weekend, November 8) the British launch of la méthode française for choosing either a boy or a girl. Like other businesses offering "family balancing", the French organisation Rightbaby is cold-shouldered by academic scientists and condemned by defenders of natural processes - but very profitable at £199 a try. What medical treatment can bypass costly tests and professional scrutiny and still be confident in a success rate of at least 50 per cent?

These services are unlikely to upset society's natural sex-ratio yet, but there is a new method which might. By sorting sperm into male and fe-male types the sex of calves and other farm animals can be predetermined within about 90 per cent certainty. No pseudoscience, this method uses a laser device to distinguish female from male sperm by their larger DNA content. When the machine is operated fast enough, sufficient sperm can be

From the Secretary of The Headmasters' and Headmistresses'

Sir, Libby Purves (When will we ever pendent sector is beyond me.

If more is not being done to help children from inner cities and deprived backgrounds in independent schools, the reasons lie elsewhere.

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which is more convenient and much less expensive than test-tube conception (IVF). The results of a clinical trial in the US are awaited. If this proves to be a breakthrough

collected for artificial insemination.

for avoiding the conception of boys suffering from serious genetic diseases, such as haemophilia or Duchenne muscular dystrophy, it should be welcomed. But its medical justification could quickly fade into the background as a result of demand for sex selection for more trivial reasons.

Perhaps in the hope of nipping the new technology in the bud, the Dutch Health Ministry is about to close the only gender clinic in their country. Such is the strength of human desire for reproductive freedom, however, that attempts to control sex-selection technology are likely to be futile.

Yours sincerely. ROGER GOSDEN. University of Leeds. Division of Obstetrics & Gynaecology. Clarendon Wing, Leeds General Infirmary, Leeds LS2 9NS.

Teaching methods

learn?", November 4) was right to pay tribute to Gillian duCharme's efforts in going from the headmistress's chair at Benenden to teach for a week in an inner-city comprehensive. Why this should be used as an opportunity to accuse the Headmasters' Conference (sic) of unwillingness to build bridges with the maintained sector and to attack teaching methods in the inde-

telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-8046.

Schools in HMC have made it clear to ministers that they are willing to consider any reasonable proposal and to join a working party for this purpose.

Within the independent sector there are many different kinds of schools, some of which were in the maintained sector for much of their history. They continue to educate children whose friends and neighbours are in state schools, though the loss of assisted places will diminish that role.

Many of the outstanding teachers in such independent schools have previously had successful careers in the maintained sector. I recently inspected an inner-city, independent, grammar school and saw little of the lecturing style which Ms Purves cites as one of the notorious failings of teachers at private schools". Teachers in that school use a variety of teaching styles appropriate to the needs of the pupils and the subject.

Yours faithfully. V. S. ANTHONY, Secretary, HMC. 130 Regent Road, Leicester.

Woodward verdict through the media

From Ms Gail Wilde

Sir, Here in the US, our justice system has what we call the "Oprah Winfrey syndrome": in other words, if a defendant or plaintiff cries, the jury will find in their favour, no matter what the facts. But if the defendant/plaintiff is stony-faced, that person is reviled, and will be shown no mercy. I do not watch trials on TV because they are nothing more than soap operas pandering to the emotions of the public. It's a sickness that has destroyed true

Many of my friends who have been using au pairs are finding another way to have their children taken care of while they are at work: I keep hearing them say they are terrified that the au pairs will murder their babies. Our media loves to foster such panic and,

from what I hear, so does yours.

Thank God my children are grown (and still childless) and I no longer have to worry about such stuff.

Yours etc GAIL WILDE. 77 Parkgate Drive Atlanta, 30328-1074 Georgia. idaho432@randomc.com November II.

From Dr Izhar Khan

Sir, A jury in a civilised Western country convicts a lady of murdering an infant, the judge changes the verdict to manslaughter and the child's parents are distraught. Yet on her release from prison a small village in England and most of the British media have engaged in an orgy of celebration and virtually raised her to the status of a British heroine.

Have we completely taken leave of our moral sense or am I missing something?

Yours sincerely IZHAR KHAN. 101 South Anderson Drive, Aberdeen. i.khan@abdn.ac.uk November 11.

From Mr Ken Loveland

Sir. The spectacle of Brits celebrating the release of convicted child killer Louise Woodward by drinking and cheering, speaks volumes on the precipitous decline of your once great country.

Yours etc. KEN LOVELAND, PO Box 93. Burlington, 82411 Wyoming. klovelan@sprynet.com November 10.

Brown and Orwell

From Mr John Wolstenholme

Sir, Further to Melvyn Bragg's article, The Chancellor keeps the aspidistra flying" (November 10), I would add the following postscript.

Gordon Brown last week attended a London Film Festival reception for the new film of George Orwell's book Keep the Aspidistra Flying. His informai attendance at such an event may not have been solely because of an interest in "his hero" Orwell (real name: Blairi

More importantly, perhaps it was also due to a recognition of something which the US has held dear to its heart for some seventy years. Namely that, in financial and cultural terms. films can do wonders for a nation's

JOHN WOLSTENHOLME (Executive Producer, Keep the Aspidistra Flying). Bashford Lodge, Hillbrow Road, Liss, Hampshire. November 11.

Seeing stars

From Mr Malcolm Farrow

Sir, I hate to be a spoilsport and criticise the excellent cartoon by Peter Brookes today, but it is perfectly possi-ble to fly the EU flag upside down and this frequently occurs. I admit the error does not have the dramatic impact of flying the Union Flag upside down, however. The 12 stars on the EU flag have five

points each - actually they are cor-rectly called "mullets", because an heraldic "star" has six points or more. When flown correctly a single point of each mullet should be uppermost and two points should face downwards like legs; the other two points being horizontal.

All 12 mullets on the flag should point up and down in this manner, just as they do on the Stars and Stripes (or more correctly the "Mullets and Stripes").

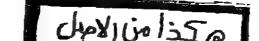
M. J. D. FARROW. Carlings. 42a Durford Road, Petersfield, Hampshire. November II.

Three-point turn

From Mr George Edwards

Sir, Was it not remarkably prescient of the founders of Mercedes-Benz to select a radiator badge that looks the same at any angle (report and photograph, November 13)?

Yours sincerely. GEORGE EDWARDS. 20 Fairways Drive. Harrogate, North Yorkshire. November 13.





COURT CIRCULAR

Richmond, Mrs Michael Gordon-

Her Majesty was represented by Sir Alastnir Aird at the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Viscount Tonypandy which was held in Westminster Abbey today.

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November 13: The Prince of Welse

November 13: The Prince of Wales, President, the Phoenix Trust, this

morning attended a meeting at St

James Palace.

His Royal Highness today attended the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Viscount Tonypandy which was held in Westminster Abbey.

The Prince of Wales, President, The

Prince's Trust, this afternoon pre-sented The Prince's Trust-Bro 1997

Awards for sustainable development in Wales at \$1 James's Palace.

His Royal Highness, President, later presented the annual honorary degrees and awards at the Royal College of Music, Prince Consort Road, London SW7.

The Prince of Wales afterwards ceived the Rt Hon Clare Short MP ecretary of State for International

Development).
His Royal Highness this evening attended the British Indiant Golden Jubilee Sanquet, celebrating fifty years of India's independence, at the

KENSINGTON PALACE

YORK HOUSE

enor Hause Hotel, London Wi.

vember 13: The Duke of Glouces-President, British Consultants reau, this afternoon presented the

Bureau, this aftermoon presented the Consultants of the Year Awards at I Whitchall Pince. London SWI.

The Duchess of Gloucester, also representing Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and The Duke of Gloucester, today attended the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Viscount Touypandy which was held in Westminster Abbey.

VORK HOUSE.

November 13: The Duke of Kent, also

representing The Duchess of Kent, today attended the Service of Thanks-

today attended the Service of Hanas-giving for the Life of the Viscount Tonypandy which was held in West-minster Abbey.

His Royal Highness, President, the Engineering Council, this afternoon presented the President's Award to Six Anthony Gill.

Sir Anthony Gill.

The Duke of Kent, Chairman, the National Electrodics Council, larger strended the Mountbutten Memorial Lacture at the Institution of Electrical

Jumes 3 Palmer.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 13: The Queen held an investiture at Buckingham Palace

Investment at Buckingnam ranace this morning.

Mrs Mary Robinson (United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights) and Mr Nicholas Robinson were received by Her Majesty and remained to Luncheon.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinbursh this samping attended a

Edinburgh this evening attended a Gala Reception at the Victoria and Albert Museum, in the presence of The King of Sweden, to celebrate the exhibition "Carl and Karin Larsson: Creature of the Swedish Style".

His Royal Highness, Patron and
Twelfth Man, today presented the
Lord's Taverners Trophy at Bucking-

ham Palace.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Chan-cellor, University of Cambridge, this afternoon attended the Confederation of British Industry's Luncheon for the

of British Industry's Luncheon for the Cambridge Foundation at the Man-darin Oriental Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, Lundon SWI. His Royal Highness, Colonel, this afternoon chaired a meeting of the Grenadier Guards Regimental Coun-ell at Buckingham Palace. The Queen and The Duke of Ediphuresh were represented by the

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Baroness Farrington of Ribbleton (Baroness in Waiting) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Viscount Tonypandy (a former Speaker of the House of Commons) which was held in Westminster Abbey today.

The Princess Royal was represented by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was represented by the Lord Napier and Enrick. November 13: The Duke of York this evening attended a Dinner given by the Army Board at the State Apart-ments, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, London SW3, November 13: The Princess Royal,

for Carers, this morning attended the Carers Together Day at the Diamond Centre, Nene Park, Irthlingborough, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Northampton-shire (Sir John Louthers).

Lord-Lieutenant of Northampton-shire (Sir John Lowther). Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Eddie Stobart Building. Daventry, and afterwards opened the new Daventry International Rail Preight Terminal (Railport). The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening held a Private Anneal Dimer at acid a Private Appeal Dinner at Suckingham Palace. CLARENCE HOUSE

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November 13: Colonel Professor John

Pearn today had the honour of being
received by Queen Elizabeth The

Queen Mother, Colonel-In-Chief.

Royal Australian Army Medical

Corps, upon assuming his appointment as Representative Honorary

Colonel.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited the Royal Star and Garter Home at

Birthdays today King Hussein of Jordan celebrate his 62nd birthday roday.

The Prince of Wales celebrates his 49th birthday inday.
Sir Lewrie Barratt, chairman, Barratt Developments. 70; Dr Bouros Bouros Chail, former Science Chail, former Science Chail, former Science Chail Control Verlage Con

Mr Quentin Crewe, writer, 71; Mr James Crowden, Lord-Liestenant of Cambridgeshire, 70; Mr Paul Dacre, Editor, Daily Mall, 49; Lord Daw-son, 49; Mr Michael Dobbs, novelist, aon. 49; Mr Michael Dobbs, novelist, 40; Mr David Elsten, chief escritive, Channel 5 Broadcasting, 53; Mr Stefano Gabbana, Iashion designer, 35; Mr Claes Hultman, chairman, Wembley Group, 51; Mr Peter Katin, planist, 67; Mr Mark Le Panu, general secretary, Society of Authora, 51; the Earl of Liverpool, 53; Air Marshal Sir Richard Nelson, 90; Miss Diana Skilbock, Headmistress, The Queen's School, Chesser, 55; Sir The Queen's School, Chester, 55; Sir Dudley Smith, former MP, 71; Sir Joseph Smith, former director, Public Health Laboratory Service, 67; Mr Koji Tatsuno, fashion designer, 35; Sir Arthur Watts, QC, 66.

Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy The 319th Annual General Court of

The Prince of Wales calebraies his 49th birthday inday.

49th birthday inday.

Sir Lawrie Barratt, chairman, Barratt Developments. 70; Dr Bource Bource Chali, former Secretary-General, United Nations, 75; was in the Chair. The following were elected Treasurers for the year ensuing:
Mr LH.G. Trimm, Mr T.D. Baxendaile and the Rev David Surgess. The Governors elected the following to the Court of Assistance Mr M.G. Rupp and Mr R.A.M. Welsford.

Appointments

Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority Mrs Ruth Deech has been re-appointed as Chairman of the Hu-man Fertilisation and Embryology Authority. Mrs Jane Denton has been appointed as Deputy Chairman, and Professor Andrew Grubb has been appointed and Professor Allan Templeton reappointed as Members.

Memorial services

Viscount Tonypandy

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Baroness Parrington of Ribbleton and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother by Captain Shr Alastair Aird at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Viscount Tonypardy held yesterday in Westminster Abbey. The Prince of Malastary appropriate the Prince of Princ

yesterday in Westminster Abbey. The Prince of Wales was present. The Princess Royal was represented by the Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke. Princess Margaret by Major Lord Napler and Ettrick and Princess Alice Lord Napler and Ettrick and Princess Alice Durhess of Gloucester and the Duke of Gloucester by the Duchess of Gloucester. The Duke of Kent also represented the Duchess of Kent. Prince Michael of Kent was represented by the Marquess of Reading and Princess Alexandra by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy.

The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Barry Penton, Precentor. Canon Donald Gray. Chaplain to the Speaker, and the Rev Jonathan Goodall, Chaplain and Sacrist, led the prayers.

prayers.
The Speaker and Lord Weatherill read the lessons and Lord Cledwyn of Penrinos, CH, read from *The Christian Heritage in Politics* (1959) by George Thomas. Sir Patrick Cormack, MP, gave an

George Thomas. Sur Paines, Control and Press.

The Very Rev David Edwards, the Very Rev Trevor Beeson, the Rev Dr Anthony Harvey, Sub-Dean of Westminster, Canon David Hutt, Canon John McDonald, also representing the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, the Rev Brian Hoare, Methodist Central Hall, the Rev Dr John Tudor and the Rev Derek Adridge were robed and seated in the Sacrarium.

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THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
November 13: Princess Alexandra
this morning visited Ravenswood
Village. Crowthorne, and was received by Sir William Benyon (Vice
Lord-Licutenant of the Royal County
Technologies Elritord,
Lord Flowers, FRS, Baroness Pooless, Lord Gilbert,
Lord Glenamara, C.H., Lady Goronwy-Roberts, Lord
and Lady Goffmins of Floresthesh, Lord Handing of
Petiterron, Lord Handy of Wath, Lord Hispeirs, Lord
Holderness, Baroness Hooper, Lord Hooselor, OC, and
Lady Hoosen, Lord Howell, Lord and Lady Hort of
Wirtal, Lord Hussey of North Bradley (representing
the Espal Marsden NHS Trust), Baroness Hytion

Royal engagements | Dinners



Foster, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM, Lord Jophing, Lord Kelvedon, Lord Kimbell, Lord King of Warmaby, Lord Lewis of Newmann, FRS, Baroness Lockwood, Lord Mackey of Ardbrecknish, Lady Macke of Benshle, Lord Macking of Drumadoon, Baroness Maileal of Borse, Lord Macpies, Baroness Mascen of Barrsiey, Lord Mayhew of Twysden, QC, and Lady Milly Lord Mayhew of Twysden, QC, and Lady Milly Lord Molloy, Lord Molyneaux of Killead, Lord Monro of Langholm, Lord Monson, Lord Moors of Lower Marsh, Lord Monra, Lord Mords of Castle Morris, Lord Milleran, Lord Morris of Castle Morris, Lord Milleran, Lord Morris of Castle Morris, Lord Morris of Porest.

Lord Wilberforce, OC, and Eady Wilberforce, Lady Wilbers of Rewards. Lord Whee, Lord Wyadt of Weeford, Mr. Michael Ancram, MP, and Lady Jame Ancram, the Hon Sir Adam Butler, the Hon Alan Clark, MP, Mr. Renneth Clarke, QC, MP, and Mrs Clarke, Sir Balward du Carin. Sir Peter Emery, MP, Sir Michael Forsyth, Sir Alashair Goodland, MP, the Hon Sir Arthibaid Hamilton, Mr. Michael Hestine, CH, MP, Mr. Michael Howard, QC, MP, Mr. Authory Jones, Mr. Tom Ring, CH, MF, Dr. Sir Brian Mawhinney, Sir Michael Howard, QC, MP, Mr. Authory Jones, Mr. Tom Ring, CH, MF, Dr. Sir Brian Mawhinney, Sir Michael Melling, Sir Geoffrey Fatte, Mr. J. Emoin Fowell, Mr. and Mrs. Richael Fydgr, Mr. Robert Sheldon, MP, Mrs. Gillian Shephard, MP, Mr Jeremy Thorpe, Sir John Wheeler, Mr. Alan Williams, MP.
Lady Serena Bridgesman, the Hon Anne Goronwy-Roberts, the Hon Alexander Howe, Dr. the Hon Shirley Summerskill, the Hon Mrs Williams Wilson, Helen Lady Dudley-Williams, Sir George and Lady Rennard, Caroline Lady Rhy Williams, Lady Arburthnot, Sir Robert Balchin, Lady Barias, Sir Clifford Boulton, Sir Andrew Bowden, Sir Robin Burier, Sir Michael Calne and Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne, Sir Michael and Lady Checkland, Lady Cormack, Lady Cubin, Sir Charles Davies, Sir Charles Cordon, Sir Anthony Grant, Lady Curden, Sir Alan Haselhurst, MP, Sir Robin Higwdon, Lady Holland Mardin, Sir John Hunt, General Str Edward Jones, Sir Philip and Lady Jones, Sir Victor Le Fann, Sir Montappe and Lady Livine, Sir Victor Le Fann, Sir Montappe and Lady Livine, Sir John Miller, Sir Forgus Montgomery, Sir Michael Neubert.

Sir John and Lady Cubon, Sir Robin and Lady Page, He Rev Sir Derek Fathnson, Sir Robin and Lady Page, He Rev Sir Derek Fathnson, Sir Robin and Lady Page, He Rev Sir Derek Fathnson, Sir Robin and Lady Page, He Rev Sir Derek Fathnson, Sir Robin and Lady Page.

Mr Donald Anderson, MP, and Mrs Anderson, Mies Hillary Armstrong, MP, Mr David Andreson, MP, Mr Tony Saidry, MP, Mr Peter Bottomies, MP, Mr Mrs Saidry, MP, Mr Christopher Chope, MP, Mr Tony Colman, MF, Mr Robin Corbett, MP, Mr Tam Daipell, MP, Mr Alan Durosa, MP, Mr Andrew, MP, Mr Mies Breet, MP, Mr Mies Rinery, MP, Mr Nigel Evans, MP, Mr Berry Janes, MP, Mr Andrew Macies, MP, Mr Michael Mattes, MP, Mr Andrew Macies, MP, Mr Ball Murphy, MF, Mr Tedrick McLoughilm, MP, Mr Paul Murphy, MF, Mr Tedr Temple-Morris, MP, Mr Don Touling, MP, Mr Peter Viggers, MP, Mr Bouwn Wells, MP, Mr Andrew Welsh, MP, Dr Alan W Williams, MP, Mr David Wilshire, MP, Mr, Nicholas Winterton, MP, and Mrs Ann Winterton, MP, and Mrs Ann Winterton, MP, and Mrs Nan Winterton, MP, Ann Ann Winterton, MP, Ann Ann Winterton, MP, Mr Peter Jennings, Mr Michael Davies.

MP, Mr John Haie, Mr B JT Hanson.
Mrs A Harcourt-Smith, Mr Brian Harrison, Mr and
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Mrs Michael Harvey, Camor Colin Hill, Councillor
Angela Hooper, Mr and Mrs Brian Hoey, Mr and Mrs
D J Howell, Mr Michael Jones, Mr and Mrs
Hond Mrs D J Jewell, Mr Michael Jones, the Rev Dr
John Joseph, Miss Penelope Keith, Mr G Kindersley,
the Rev Bernard Kinnan, Mr William Legge-Bourke,
Miss Tiggy Legge-Bourke, Dr Peter King Lewis, Mr D
Lambert, the Yon A I and Mrs Leyis, the Rev Donald
Lewis, Mr Murdo Maciean, Dr Edmund Marshall, Mr
W R McKay, Miss June Mendora.
Miss D M P Malley, Protessor and Mrs D H Michael,

Use M. Kay, Miss June Menders, J.F. Someth Partylan, Par W. R. McKay, Miss June Menders,

Miss D M. P. Malley, Professor and Mry D H. Michael,
Mr. John Morgan, Mr. Chiff Morgan, the Rev Graham
and Mrs Morgan, the Rev W. R. Magney, Canon John
Morrison, Wells, Mr. M. Naisty, Mrs Manthn Neary, Mr.
Ray O'Brien, Mr. Timothy O'Sullivan, Mr. G. Palmer,
Mr. E. J. Peactock, the Rev Raymond and Mr. Pearce,
Mr. H. Plence, Mr. J. Plency, the Rev J. Lee Potter, the Rev
Gerch J. Powell. Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Prichard, the
Rev P. N. Priest, Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Prichard, the
Rev P. N. Priest, Mr. Simon Rees, Dr. and Mrs. E. P.
Reymilds, Canon H. Ringrose, Mis Angels Rippon,
the Rev Edwin Robertson, Mr. Phillip Robinson, Mr. T.
L. Royle, Mr. Neville Sholman, Mr. Charles Simeons,
Mr. and Mrs. A. S. P. Smart, Mr. P. J. Smith, the Rev B. C.
Smith, the Rev Colle, A. Smith, the Rev Robert More,
Mr. Ialn Sproat, Dr. Ivos Tambrook, Mr. and Mrs. D.
Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. E.
Taylor.

Seventiani, Mr and Mrs F H Taylor, Mr and Mrs E Taylor.

Mr and Mrs Gwilym Thomas, Professor Brian Thomas, the Rev Dr John and Mrs Todor, Canon E R Thomas, the Rev Dr John and Mrs Todor, Canon E R Thomas, the Rev Dr John and Mrs Todor, Canon E R Thomes, Mr Iames Wellbeloved, Mr Tom While, Dr and Mrs Peter M Williams, Mr and Mrs David Williams, Mr w G M Williams, Professor Roger Williams, Mr and Mrs Jehn Williams, Professor Roger Williams, Mr and Mrs Jehn Williams, the Rev Andrew Willie, the Rev Dr R & Wilson.

Representatives of Rhondda NHS Trust, Silkeman and Piliot Solicitors, Macmillan Canoer Relief, Masmillan Canoer Relief, Relief, Masmillan Canoer Relief, Relief, Bandown Charles, Methodist Charles, Methodist Charles, Masmillan Canoer, Methodist Local Preachers Mithial, Wesh Gourds, Helles College, Ondord, Hulls Speaker, Association, Overness Students Tuts, Methodist Local Preachers Mutmal Ald Association and Masmy other triends.

Mr Felix Barker

A memorial service for Mr Felix Barker, former theatre and film critic of the London Evening News, was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street, Canon John Oater officiated, Sir Donald Sinden read from the works of Shakespeare. Mr Kent Barker, son, and Mrs Denise Silvester-Carr paid tribute. Mr Julian Holland and Mr Peter Jackson gave addresses.

Service dinners

HMS Salina Rear-Admiral A.B. Ross, Assistant Director (Operations) International Military Staff, Nato Headquarters, proposed the toast to The Men of Tarranto at a dinner beid last night at HIMS-Sultate to mank the similar range of the Bestle of Tarranto.

RN College Greenwick Dame Barbara Mills, QC, was the principal speaker at the mess guest night dinner of the Royal Naval College Greenwich held last night at

College Greenwich held last night at the college. Commander J.M.C. Maughen RN, Commander of the College, presided.

Royal Engineers
General Sir John Stibbon, Chief Royal Engineer, presided at a guest night dinner of the Corps of Royal. Engineers held last night in Chatham. The High Commissioner for Canada was among the guests.

Luncheon

Anglo-Spanish Society
The Spanish Ambassador presided a The Spanish Ambassador presided at a funcheon of the Anglo-Spanish Society held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Sir Robert Wade-Gery, chairman, and Sir Robin Fearn, vice-chairman, received the guests. Professor LD.L. Michael was the guest speaker.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.W. Barker and Miss S.E. Parkman

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and Miss S.R. Parkman
The engagement is announced between Thomas William, son of Mr
and Mrs. Adrian Barker, of
Wheathampstead, Hertfordshire,
and Susan Elisabeth, daughter of Mr
Hugh Parkman, OBE, and Mrs
Parkman, of Abingdon, Oxfordshire,
formerly of Heswall, Wirral,
Merseyside Merseyside. Mr L.D. Bell

and Miss N.S. Harrison
The engagement is announced between Lance formerly of Barnard
Castle School, youngest son of Mr
and Mrs Keith Bell, of Newton
Aycliffe, Durham, and Nina, formen'y of Casterton School, elder
daughter of Mr and Mrs Phil
Harrison, of Bowdon, Cheshire. Mr R.S.C. Hood and Miss E-J. Holl

and Miss N.S. Harrison

and Miss E-J. Holland
The engagement is announced between Edward, only son of Mr Peter
Blood and the lane Mrs Christine
Blood, stepson of Mrs Peter Blood, of
Stone, Staffordshire, and Eliza-Jane,
only daughter of Mr Robert Holland,
of St Helen's, Isle of Wight, and
Baroness Robert Rothschild, of
Burgheiere, Berkshire.
Siemes T. Chini

Burghclere, Berkshire.
Signor T. Chiai
and Miss B. Leonard
The engagement is announced between Torumaso, elder son of Signor
and Signora Chini, of Florence, Inly,
and Brigid, deughter of Lieutenant
Colonel and Mrs John Leonard, of
Michaelmas House, Hatherden, near
Andover, Hampshire.

Andover, Hampsmire.

Mr S.M. Direct
and Miss H.A. Squines
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and
Mrs J.A. Dizon, of Darlington,
County Durham, and Helen, only
daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A.
Squires, of Woking, Surray. Mr E.D. Gilderist

The engagement is announced be-tween Edward, son of the Rev David and Mrs Gilchrist, of Brentwood, Essex, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Pener Russell, of Worchester, Dr J.T. Gilcheist

The engagement is amounced between James, son of Dr Robert and Mrs Elizabeth Gilchrist, of Shoneswell, Oxfordshire, and Tabby, daughter of Dr Tom Winnighth, of Learnington See Waynighthing and Learnington Spe, Warwickshire, and the late Mrs Journa Winnifrith. Mr C.J. Hardy and Miss E.J. Dandy

The engagement is announced be-tween Caristopher, son of Mr and Mrs David Hardy, of Abingdon, Oxfordshire, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Dandy, of Orest 1888 announced Carabidoschire.

The engagement is announced be-tween Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs ween Nicholas, son on Lancashire, Neil Holt, of Hambleton, Lancashire, and Gillian, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Cheers, of Wigan,

Mr H.J. Layzel and Miss S.E.S. Denuy and Miss S.E.S. Densy
The engagement is announced between Harvey, son of Mr and Mrs
Peter Layzell, of Horton, Somerset,
and Sophy, daughter of Sir Anthony
and Lady Denny, of Muchelicy.

Mr J.C. Macsween and Miss K.J. McNeill and MBS in the samounced be-tween James Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs John Macsween, of Edin-hurgh, and Karrina Jane, daughter of Mrs Denise McNeill and the late Mr RK. McNeill, of Angus. Mr W.H.G. Oxicy and Miss H.E.G. Boyd

and Miss H.E.G. Boyd
The engagement is announced between William, only son of Mr and
Mrs Simon Oxley, of Pirbright,
Surrey, and Henrietta, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Boyd, of
Etton, Beverley, Yorkshire. Mr C. Rayner and Miss G.L. Copeley-Williams

The engagement is amounced between Colin, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Raymer, of Welwyn, Herdordshe, and Loveday, daughter of Mr and Mrs Erlend Copeley-Williams, of Thouast Essex. Mr T. Shea and Miss K.M. Nacuum

and these and recommend between Tim, second son of Mr and Mrs Chris Shea, of Penrinosgarandi, Gwynedd, and Kathryn, younger of Mr and Mrs Rex Norman, of Great Conwell. Mr C.M. San

Mr C.M. State
and Miss A.A. Harvey
The engagement is ammunoed between Colin, elder son of Mr Frederick Stone, of Toubridge, Kent, and
Mrs Barbura Stone, of Stafford, and
Alexandra, elder daughter of Mr and
Mrs Christopher Harvey, of Gogland
Manor, Tiverton, Devon.

Mr J.H.T. Trevelyan The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Raiegh Trevelyan, of Netherwitton, and Anne-Marie, only daughter of the late Mr Leonard Beaton and of Mrs Beaton of Kew. My S.C. Wines

The engagement is announced between Sam, only son of Mr and Mrs Clayton Wilson, of Oregon, USA, and Kerry, elder daughter of the late Pener Bone and of Mrs Eleanor F. Bone, of Ramornie, Craigs Road, Auchardion, Aberdemahura.

Ronald William Diggens

A memorial service for Ronald William Diggens, OBE, will be held at St John's Church, Church Lane, Pinner, Middlesex, on Tues-day, December 9, at noon.

The Royal Society of Chemistry

The following were admitted as Fellows of The Royal Society of Chemistry in October 1997. They are entitled to use the designation Chartered Chemist and the letters

W. J. Aston, N. J. Carruthers, O. Elsenstein, J. Etourneau, L. C. Gauntiett, M.F. Jones, E. F. T. Lee, Y. D. Patel, M. S. Pusey, M. Shibasaki, J. D. C. Wade, A. R. S. Werninck.

Ambassadors for London

The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended the Ambassadors for London awards ceremony held yesterday at the Banqueting House. Whitehall, Lord Renwick, chairman of the judging panel, Mr Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, and Sir John Egan, Chahman of London Tourin Board and Convention Bureau, were the speakers.

of Music The Prince of Wales, President of the

Royal College

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PERSONAL COLUMN

BIRTES ASH - On November 11th, to Lucinda (née Middleton) and Julian, & son, Charles William Pirth. CAPERTON - On Bovember 10th at The Portland Hospital to Marie-Dominique and Laurence, a son, Adam Gordon Dahney, a brother for Alexander. CANTER - On Newsche 5th 1997 to Lucy (née Stiles) and Jonathan, a danghter, (Ottilie Matilda Mary) a sister for Augustus and Lenies. CATTEROOLE - On November 12th to Res (pie Besser) and David a son Edward James, a brother for Emma and DAVERSON - On 22nd Ormber 1997 to Venetia (née Denning) and Nicholas, a daughter, pile fate. Trowning Rospital Wiltshire to Lindsay and Staphen, a daughter, Sophie Hanne, a daughter, Sophie and William HENDERSCH - On November 11th, to Shoun (nos Wallow) and Jumes, a daughter, Lucy Georgia Lona, a sister for Tam and Ella. to Bernadette (née Plachetka) and George, a daughter, Olivia. chingates, Chyan. MERCOGET - On Camber 24th, to Clare (née Warren) and Chis, a son, Theo Thomas. HOLMEN - Da Rovember 10th 1997, to Alice (née Charles) Interbed. JONE - On 10th Howenher 1997 to Alice (nie Loudon) and Phillip at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital Winchester. The precious gift of a king awaked baby, John Rustridh Macpherson. Geneful thanks to all the Materialty Staff at RHCH, and especially to Mr John Webster and the IVF team at The Park Hospital Nottingham.

DEATHS IPCZYMSKI - Born Sunday Ind November to Hoth and Lesley (nee Cooper), a drughter, Hannah Katie, a sister bur Laure BONN - Michael Walter, suddenly but peacefully in Jersey on Tuesday 11th November 1997. Beloved bushend of Dimboth and a November 1997. Beloved humberd and a much loved father and grandfather. A Requiem Mass will take place at St. Hatther are consulted to the lower level of the lower l November 4th 1997 at Open Charlesto, Biospini, in Smah (Walte) and Mark, a son, Michael Charles

Wirozanan - On Howenber Lick to Lucy (née Youngkusband) and Rupert, a lovely inughtor, Flore Lathetine Rossums, a sister for George.

GOLDEN

MARSHALL-ANDREW
Fundles wish to thank aff
the friends of Brace who
attended the Burial Service
and wrote so many kind
letters of condolence.

NRIGHT - On 11th November, to Kathleen and Clive, a beautiful son, Henry, a brother for Thomas and cousin for Charlie. IMDSAY - On November 3rd 1997 in Santiago, Chile to Katy (nee Weaver) and Andrew, a son, Thomas Schooling

OLIFHANT OF COMDIE - On Wednesday 5th November to Locy and Richard, a daughour Cleodic Flora Carolina, a state to Loss.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

greatly loved mother, stepmother, grandmother and great-grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Fandalis Park Crematoritum, Leethenhead, on Wednesdry 19th November at 330pm. Donations if desired, to "Age Concern" clo WA Iruelove & Son Ltd 18 Church Boad, Epsom, Surrey ET17 4AR.

The Portland Hospital to Praces (Sum) and Monda, a daughter, Elizabeth Frances, a sister for Alexander.

RANDLER-HOLMES - Hans to Gretta 15th November 1947 in Brentwood, Still hers!

BRANT - Marjorie (née Walling). A worderful mother, loved by her children Anne, David, Jane, Andrea, Bill and Richard and grandchildren. Peacefully in Brown Genarul Hospital en 11th November, aged 81 years. Functed Service on Priday 14th November at Genthiderd Crematorium, 9:30 am. No flowers. Dunstions to Imperial Cancer Essearch Fund. Enquiries to Bobert Ayling, Funeral Directors Tel: 01483 567333 BBOWMS - On November 11th, suddenly, Dorothy Mary Hard ("Micky"), we algood, aged 75. Much loved wife of Bob, mother of Penny and Katy, and grandmother of Tesse and Echand. Private cremation, family flowers only please; donations if desired to the National Octaopurous Society, Manor Farm, Skinners Hill, Camarton, Somerset.

IN MEMORIAM —

CARROLL - Dear Judy, It is three years now but it only seems like yesterday, You are always in our thoughts. As you will know I am moving to Cookhum. Please continue to look down on us and guide us.

Stufff - On November 12th Georgina Irene Katherine very pescefully in her 98th year. A very loving and greatly loved mother, stepmother, grandmother

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the Salters' Homeless City Foyer, \$5.59 West Smithfield, EC4, at 11.00; the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a farewell luncheon on board HMY Britannia in the Pool of London at Britainia in the Pool of London at 12.25; and will give a reception at Window Castle to mark the comple-tion of the restoration at 5.30. The Prince of Wales and Prince Edward will be present.

King George's Fund for Salkers, will attend a dinner on board HMY Bri-tanula in the Pool of London at 8.10. tausla in the Pool of London at 8.10.

The Princets Royal, as president, British Knitting and Clothing Expert Council, will visit Helen David English Eccentrics, the Postmen's Office, 30 Leighton Road, Rentish Town, at 11.30; as president, Rural Housing Trust, will attend a luncheon at the Royal Veterinary College, London University, Royal College Street, NWI, at 12.30; as president, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Links of London, 94 Jermyn Street, W2, at 2.15 and will visit Ghost, 263 Kernal Road, Wio at 3.00.

Princess Margaret, as president, the

Princess Margaret, as president, the RSSPCC, will attend the Touch of Tartan ball in aid of the Society at the Beach Bellroom, Aberdem, at 8,00.

BUSBY Jean Jervis

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SUTLER - Marjorie Callender (née Laine) widow of Major General Geoffrey Butler, CB, CBB, peacefully on 12th November 1997. Mother of judy Fattman, grandmother and great-grandmother. Fineral at 3pm on 17th November at Bouraspouth Crematorium. Enquiries to Colin Hayley Funeral Sarvice, New Milton, 01425 629000.

CLAY - On November 12th Susan, Ruch loved wife, mother and graudmother. Funeral Service at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 2 pm on Thursday 20th November.

DU FEU - Clifford Arthur Rive, suddenly but peacefully on Tuesday 11th November 1997 at The General Hospital, Jersey aged 83 years. Beloved insband of Margot and dearly loved father of Jeanne and Limits. Will be deeply accessed by all his loving family and many friends, Enguires to Fitcher & Le Quesne Ltd Funeral Disectors. Tel: 01534 33330

Army Beard.
The Duke of York anended a dimner given by the Army Board last night at the Royal Hospital Chelsea to meet General Jehangir Karamst, Chief of Army Staff Pakistan Army, General Sir Roger Whoder, Chief of the General Staff, was the host. Gray's Inm Judge Esyr Lewis, QG, Tressurer of Gray's Inn, and the Masters of the Bench were the hosts at a dinner in Hall last night it being Grand Day of

Michaelman Term. 1912 Club
1912 Club
Miss Am Widdecombe, MP, was the
guest of honour at a dinner of the 1912
Club held at the House of Commons
last night by invitation of Mr David
Amess, MP, chairman of the club.

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Gardenan Company
Mr Peter Franklin, Master of the
Gardeners' Company, assisted by the
Wardens, presided and presented the
Gardeners' Company prizes to students from Wye College and RHs
Wisley at the autumn court dinner
held last night at Merchant Taylors'
Hall.

Chartered Secretaries and Administrators Rear-Admiral James Carine, Master of the Company of Chartered Sec-retaries and Administrators, assisted

Elsom - Mary Gwyneth

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the Description of Cecil Elsom, she will be
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FERMICK - On November 12th
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dignity surrounded by his
fundly at Traliale Hospital,
teacher George in the First
year, of Heiford Cornwall.
Beloved husband of June,
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Christian and loving
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Funeral Service at St
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HELMORE - Patrick, On Wednesday 12th November at Crumin Lodge, Investing Co Galway, Elsa Mach loved father of Charles, Mark, Lucy, Edward, Extherine and Charlotte. Funeral on Sonday 16th November at 11.45am at St Annin's Church, Knock, Inverin, Co Galway.

HEMENS - On 11th November, Peacefully at home, Jack Rupert Dampster Heming of Totnes Devon, Inquiries to Perrings 01803-862417.

MOLLAMD - Francis George.
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and Simon, and stepfather of
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Lovingly reinstmbased by all
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Mozambique were present.

Primeer Charitable Corporation
Mr Jeremy Marshall, President of the
Primers' Charitable Corporation,
presided at the 170th festival dinner
and dance held last night at the
London Hilmo on Park Lane. After
the dinner, Mr Frank Barlow, chairman of council, announced that Sir
David English would be president for
1998.

by the Wardens, presided at a livery dinner held last night at Staple Inn

Anglo Peringues: Society
Mr Mark Fisher, Minister for the
Are, and Dr Rui Vier. Trease of the
Calouste Gulbenkien Foundation,
were the guests of honour and
speakers at the annual dinner of the
Anglo-Portuguese Society held last
night at the Langham Hilton Hotel.
The Portuguese Ambessador, Dr José
Gregorio Faria, presided and received the guests with Mrs Faria and
Mr David Pownall, chairman of the

recurive committee, and Mrs.
Pownail. The Ambassador of Angola
and the High Commissioner for
Mozambique were present.

RICS Mr Trevor Mole presided at the annual dinner of the Building Surveyors division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors held last night at the Royal Luxuaster Hotel, Hyde Park.

PHILLIPSON - John Balfour (Jack) on Rosembe Libd of Glendaph Nursing Home, Illuminers, Remediating Home, Illuminers, Remediating very peacefully. Beloved husband of Joan, dearly loved father, stepfather, grandfather, teacher and friend of many. Funeral private but a Thanksgiving Service for his long His will be announced later. Expedition to I winter a Sea Tel: 01568 613507.

HOLT - Christopher Robert Vesey, aged 82, suddenly on Bessel 11 1977. Indeed himshand of Jame (52 years) and father of Strickes are lambe and grandfather of Julian and Falletty. Famous service at 5t John the broughst, the Houn per Faternilaid on Falmedry Rovenber 19th at 3pm. Family flowers only or if whated, donations for the Menugative Wildlife Inset c/o po Steel and Son, Cheetl House, Winchester SO23 UMIL

LAWRENCE - Et Rev Mgr. Prevent Raymand ECHS, died suddenly on 11th November 1977 and 72 house life 11.30 am Thursday 20th Rovember at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist Fortsmooth. 1997 Marjorie much loved sister of Phylits and the late Gladys and Violet, all formerly of Westhamble. Resent private Donations for the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Traillis House, Donating RE4 255.

retresmonth.

ISE - Susten Ryner died on 12th November, 1997 in the skilled and loving care of Royal Marsden Hospitzl. Beloved daughter of Krühsen and deer sister of Rosemary and Caroline. Funezal on Inursday 20th November, 1997 at St. Petun Church, Haumersmith, London, W6 at 2.30 pm. A Memorial Service will be held later. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Royal Marsden Hospital, Pulbane Road, London, SWIO. Amy enquiries to Baunes & Sons. Tel. 0181 743 4312. ROSSITS - Dr. John Gebriel, husband of Margery and father of 50. On Tuesday 11th November 1997 in Dunfries and Galleway Royal Infirmacy after seven happy years in Amisfield, Funeral Service in Theodoy 18th November at 12 noon and at Carilele Crematorium at 2.00pm. No flowers pistase, but donations may be given at Service in all of Ward 8 Dunfries Infirmacy.

Biller - James Derrick.
Passed away suddenly on
Wadnesday, 12th November
1997 aged 73 years. Beloved
husband of Horence, father
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Michael and adored
grandfather of nine
grandchildren. Private
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CY7 7EF. SCOTT - Cyril join FMA, much loved husband of Gertle (See) and loving father of Andrew, jane and Spella; Curator of the Herbert Museum Coventry, 1948-79 on Toesday 11th November. Funeral St Catherine's Canach, St Catherine's Canach, St Catherine's Close, Coventry 12.45 Tuesday 18th November. Family flowers only, Dunarions to Myton Ramiet. Mospice, clo Henry Ison & Sons, 76 Ruley Boad, Coventry CV3 1FQ.

PHELPS - Michael, William, Bryan Lt Col Rtd, on 10th November 1997, peacefully in his sleep, Husband of Berbara, father of Susan, Elizabeth and Penelope. Pimeral Service to take place at Ipsyich Creamtorium in Monday 24th November at 12.15pm. Donetions to Stroke Association, clo Eachbains Puneral Service, Stambay Road, Diss, Norfolk.

SANCE - Hugh Eddie D.F.C. ex RAF, ex Punchbowl on 9th Movember pencefully at home. Beloved husband of Bve and much loved uncle. Funeral service at I.caresborough Parish Church 2.30pm Moaday 17th November. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to RAF Benevolent Fund.

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STEEL - On November 12th peacefully Joan Leighton aged 93 years deanly loved aunt of Margaret Labords and great-aunt of Anthony and Rosalind. Danksgiving Service at St. Mary's Stoke D'Abumom on Tuesday 18th November at 200 pm. Pendiy Clawers only, dometions it desired to Princess Allos Hogsics, Echer ole pusses & Thomas, Mill Road, Cohban, ET11 2AL. by MONES - Rowland Charles brighter D.S.O. Peacethly on 11th November at Liandinabo, Hereford. Eleved Husband of the late Valerie and deeply loved Father and Gazniather. The

Valerie and deeply joved Father and Granfather. The funesal service will be held at Clifford Church on Tuesday, 18th November, at 2.00pm., followed by committal at Belmont, Flowers or domaines for St. Michael's Hospice, Bartestree, should be sent to Dawe Boss, 115 Westfaling Street, Hereford HE4 OPL

TYREMAN - On November 11th, peacefully. Walter George aged 93 of Millord, Source, Mayor of Godalming 1964. Funeral service at Collidion Crematorium on Tanasday November 20th at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations to the Maccallian Trust c/o J Goorings & Son, F7D, 55 Base Lane, Godalming, Survey Tel 01483 416403

WOOD - On November 11th Eleanor aged 85 years late of Marden, East, dearly loved wife of the late Edwin, the dear mother of Faul and Peter Funeral Service at St. Mary's Church, Goudhust on Wednesday 19th Rovember at 2 pst. Family flowers only. Domations it wished to SCOPE, 12 Park Crescent, London Win 4Ec.

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Sir Anthony Grant, Master of the
Guild of Freemen of the City of
London, presided at a reception-held
yesterday at Apothecaries' Hall. Mr
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OBITUARIES

MICHAEL VON CLEMM

Michael von Clemm, financier and President of Templeton College, Oxford, died of a brain tumour on November 6 aged 62. He was born on March 18, 1935.

Throughout his career he was quick at the life to the spot the value of new ideas and the many throughout his career he was quick at the life to the spot the value of new ideas and the many through the energetic in their promotion. He remains the life to the i in refute profite played a prominent part in estational in refute profite played a prominent part in estational in the profit in the state of the innovations with which he was associated — the London dollar

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A Michael von Clemm was born on Clemm in Michael von Clemm was born on Clemm in Michael von Clemm was born on Clemm was direct of the state of father and an English mother. He was direct of thermore is father and an enguish mountainty. New educated at Excel Harvard, before Hampshire, and at Harvard, before Hampsone, and a transfer to England, moving with his wife Lisa to England, restoraduate moving with its where both pursued postgraduate where both pursues at Corpus studies in anthropology at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, Their work 1.1111111 (1886) look them to Tanganylica for a two-year field study of social change among the Wachagga people of Mount Kill-manjaro.

Von Clemm had early ambitions to be a journalist, having worked for a be a journant, naving the night staff of time as a reporter on the night staff of time as a reporter on the high still a student.

The Boston Globe while still a student.
On leaving Oxford in 1962 he had a job On leaving Onice in 1700 Meet York Times, but the paper was strike-bound when the time

He first considered applying for a temporary position with the World Bank, where he felt that his anthropological training might be of value. "Giving aid to societies work would be like pouring money down the drain," he argued. Instead he found a job in the London office of the First National City

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There, he later said, he was "stuck in a corner and put to work on something the old-timers knew nothing about". That work was to culminate in the pioneering development of the Eurodollar certificate of deposit, a marketable instrument that could be traded by investment institutions. This was an important element in the creation of the "Euromarket", which allowed governments and institutions to borrow US dollars held outside the United States. As such, it contributed to the growth of offshore capital markets and the process of globalisation which has allowed London to become a key centre of international finance.

As part of his work at First National City, von Clemm was sent on a two-week course for selected staff run by professors from Harvard Business School Such was the impression he made that he was invited to teach at the school himself, and in the autumn of 1967 he took up an appointment there as assistant professor of public admin-

Michael Wart, setor,

died on November 8 aged

88. He was born on

April 9, 1909.

MICHAEL WARD was one of

those dependable supporting

players on whom postwar

British cinema in large part relied for its success. He may

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lard, and Morecambe and

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George Everard Yeo Ward

was born at Redruth in Corn-

wall, the son of a clergyman.

An only child, he showed early

comic timing.

istration. His family home remained in London, however, and he commuted to Harvard, supporting his academic career by running his own consultancy firm with clients on both sides of the Atlantic, among them Rio Tinto-Zinc, General Electric, Schroders and the investment bank White Weld.

It was as a partner in White Weld that he returned to London in 1971. He was one of the architects of the firm's transformation (via a period as Credit Suisse White Weld) into Credit Suisse First Boston, of which he was chairman from 1978 to 1986.

Throughout his time there he main tained the firm's position as the leading underwriter of international government and corporate issues. In 1980 he was involved in the pioneering development of the "bought deal" whereby Credit Suisse itself underwrote an entire bond issue. From 1971 to 1978 he also served as a visiting professor at the London Business School.

After leaving Credit Suisse he took over responsibility for the worldwide capital markets operations of Merrill and by their two daughters.

cilious City gents — all deseated decided to study acting lightful variations on his at the Central School of

have contemplated a career on

the concert platform, but in-

peech and Drama. During

the Second World War he

served in the Army and with

He had had some stage roles before the war, but his

theatrical career really got under way in 1945, when he

appeared in The Man Who

Came to Dinner, it was fol-

lowed by West End roles in

Gay Pavilion and Present

Laughter, and in a Coliseum

revue, The Night and the

Music, where he understudied

the emergency services.

Lynch. Commuting, once again, to the company headquarters in New York, von Clemm oversaw 12,000 staff doing business in some 60 countries. He also served as executive vice-president of Merrill Lynch itself, and was effective in reducing the firm's overheads (notably by cutting the workforce almost in half, so increasing profits more than threefold.

He retired from Merrill Lynch in 1993 but retained extensive business interests both in the form of directorships and through his family holding company, Highmount Capital, which took minority stakes in a number of merchant banks and investment banks around the world.

In a world increasingly dominated by specialists, you Clemm stood out as a great generalist, a complex man, wide-ranging in his interests and active in a number of different fields. In 1967, for instance, fired of indifferent London. food, he borrowed £500 and became the first backer of the Roux brothers' restaurant business. In an association that lasted three decades, he helped Albert and Michel Roux to expand their activities from a single restaurant, Le Gavroche, to a wholesale and retail catering empire with more than 20 outless.

He showed similar foresight in 1984 when he realised that Canary Wharf on the Isle of Dogs, then a derelict site among London's disused docks, was an ideal location for office development, capable of housing the huge new dealing floors that the modern City needed. Through a decade of vicissi-tudes, he retained his faith in a vision that has now largely been fulfilled: Credit Suisse First Boston was among the first companies to move to

In October 1996 von Clemm was elected President of Templeton College, Oxford, a graduate college which had developed out of the Oxford Centre for Management Studies, offering higher degrees in management and running advanced courses for senior executives from around the world. He also retained his links with Harvard. His lifelong interest in the markets of the Far East was reflected in his membership of the US-Korea Business Council and the US-Japan Business Council. In the US he served as President of the English Speaking Union, and in Britain he was a member of the advisory board of the Royal Academy and vice-president of the City of London Archaeological Trust.

Michael von Clemm is survived by his wife Lisa, a designer bookbinder,

drama called The First Gen-

a master of the comic cameo.

most of even the flimsiest

material, a talent amply dem-

onstrated in the five films he

appeared in with Norman

Wisdom and in several of the

Carry On series. His last film

role was in Revenge of the Pink Panther in 1978.

For twenty years he also featured as a guest in some of

the most popular shows on

in his career, notably when he

played a homosexual in con-

flict with his father in The

Richest Man in the World on

television in 1960. He took the

precaution in the 1950s of

studying statistics, in order to

be able to support himself

when acting work was not

III-health put an end to his

film and stage career in the

late 1970s, but much of his best

work continued (and will con-

forthcoming.

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End play.

HARRY ASPREY

Harry Asprey, goldsmith and former managing director of Asprey & Co died on October 25 aged EL He was born on April 28, 1915.

WHEN Harry Asprey heard that a head of state had fallen, his first reaction was to check the strongroom at the royal jewellers, Asprey's, so that any expensive items commissioned by the departed leader could be swiftly offered to his replacement. He was successful in per-

suading the new Government of Ghana to take on a full dinner service after Kwame Nkrumah had been toppled by the army in 1966: it helped that Nkrumah's own presidential crest had not yet been engraved on the various pieces. A throne ordered by King Faisal of Saudi Arabia was less easy to shift after the King's assassination in 1975. It spent many months in the New Bond Street showroom of the iewellers, which had been set up by Asprey's great-great-great-grandiather.

Henry Ellison Asprey educated at home rather than with his four brothers at Charterhouse, because of a chronic ear infection that left him slightly deaf. His natural inclination was towards farming, but at 17 he deferred to tradition and joined the family firm. He was one of the few Asprevs to master the art of working with precious metals. instead of simply supervising. He trained as a goldsmith and silversmith and became sufficiently proficient for his opinion on how pieces should be finished to be frequently sought by the company's mas-

ter craftsmen. His resourcefulness did not desert him when he discovered, on arriving to value a carpet for Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, that he had forgotten his tape-measure.



He paced it, toe to heel, to her great amusement.

In 1939 he joined up the day after war was declared. For a year he drove ammunition trucks through France, but he was badly injured when one of the trucks exploded. He was sent home to die, but had the good fortune to encounter his family doctor among the medics serving on the military train taking him from Dover to hospital in Liverpool. Asprey always believed that his life had been saved by the particular care shown him as a result

As the family business expended after the war, Harry Asprey became one of its two managing directors, with re-sponsibility for its Asian and Middle Eastern operations. He spent an entire day arguing with Customs before they would allow through 200 leather pouches ordered by the King of Nepal for Buddhist monks. Visits to Haile Selassie

in Ethiopia were enlivened by Asprey's deliberate failure to warn his travelling companion about the tame lion that prowled the palace grounds. Asprey indulged the wish of his craftsmen to inscribe their names on exceptional pieces of work. He also demanded an extra week's holiday for them. After his side of the family was

ousted from Asprey's in a boardroom coup in 1970, he set up in business on his own, trading in antique silver for American clients. He was also on the council of the British Antique Dealers' Association. In his spare time he played a lot of golf, renovated houses and rode a motorcycle, His first wife, Eileen, died in

1958. In 1960, at the age of 45, he married an 18-year-old model, Mary, who took on his nine-year-old daughter as well as bearing him two sons and another daughter. He is survived by his wife and four

JACQUES DEROGY

Jacques Derogy, French investigative reporter. died in Paris on October '30 aged 72. He was born in the same city on July 24, 1925.

WITH his overcost and pipe the outwardly placed and sympathique Jacques Derogy could well have played Inspecder Korda's screen version of Oscar Wilde's An Ideal Hustor Maigret on television. Once he sank his teeth into a band. The following year he played a valet in a period big story, there was no shaking him, even though some intleman, adapted from a West vestigations lasted for years. Certainly, he was as well From the 1950s onwards he known as Simenon's fictional steadily built his reputation as detective around the Palais de Justice and at the adicining He was adept at making the criminal police headquarters

on the Quai des Orfévres. However, he cast his net much wider than that of any ordinary crime reporter, and his contacts ranged from senior politicians and diplomats down to tipsters in Pigalle bars. Over 40 years, he uncovered some of the biggest scandals of the Fifth Republic: the murder of the Moroccan opposition leader Mehdi Ben Barka in Paris, the high-level decision to sink the Greenin New Zealand, and the

television, among them Hancocks Half Hour. The Two Ronnies and Steptoe and Son. peace boat Rainbow Warrior He was a regular on The Morecambe and Wise Show as Eric and Ernie's precious incredible cover-up by State and Church that enabled the He also took a part in the wartime Lyons militia chief soap opera Crossroads, and Paul Touvier to escape justice though he was usually typeuntil his trial in 1994 for cast in comic roles, he turned crimes again humanity. his talents to more serious matters on several occasions

Derogy was a man of strong convictions, many of them forged in the war years, when he and his father, a Paris printer, repeatedly escaped Gestapo and French militia roundups of Jews. His defence of leftwing causes did not prevent him standing up to the French Communist Party in the 1950s over contraception. His procontraception book Des fants malgré nous led to his expulsion from the party. The subject of his own form of deviationism caused him lifelong amusement.

timue) to be frequently repeated on television. He remained politically committed to the Left but refu-He was unmarried.

sed to hend to pressure from on high when he nailed Charles Hernu, the Socialist Defence Minister, as the man behind the bombing of the Rainbow Warrior. Hernu's staff warned him: "We will break you." Derogy persisted, and the Minister's resignation was a sensation.

Derogy's first major postwar story, for Franc Tireur, was covering the journey of the Jewish refugee boat Dodus as it weaved across the Mediterranean seeking a way into the then British Protectorate of Palestine. He later took time off from French scandals to cover Israeli events, and campaigned stremuously and vigorously against the concept of Greater Israel.

He came to national attention after joining L'Express, the radical news magazine, where he was given considerable freedom by the foundereditor, Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, and his successor, Françoise Giraud. The Ben Barka affair was one of his biggest scoops. He and his colleague Jean-François Kahn were the first to interview witnesses who pointed to the daylight kidnapping and most likely murder of the Moroccan politician. Otherwise, the affair would have been hushed up. As it was, Franco-Moroc-

can ties prevented any satis-

factory conclusion of the case It was Derogy's doggedness that uncovered the cunning Paul Touvier, who had been on the run since 1945 with the ald of senior members of the Roman Catholic Church. Derogy redoubled his efforts after President Georges Pompidou secretly pardoned Touvier in 1971. He saw this as proof that Touvier, responsible for the shooting of Jews, was alive.

A year later Derogy sent flowers to a house in Grenoble. Touvier came to the door. A photographer from L'Express took the damning photograph and Touvier, after he had slammed the door on Derogy, was able to read the grim card with the flowers -From your friend Klaus Barbie", the wartime Gestapo chief.Touvier went underground, but Derogy found him and the militiaman was finally brought to trial in 1994 and, like Barbie, condemned for crimes against humanity. He died in Fresnes prison two years later, after 50 years on the run.

Derogy reported upon and pushed forward official investigations when judges were shot in Lyons and Marseilles in the 1970s, on the manner in Which aid for Africa ended up as payment for ministerial chateaux, and on the extraordinary career of the corrupt Mayor of Nice, Jacques Médecin, now in South America after serving time in French prisons.

Derogy, it could be said. kept French investigative reporting alive during periods of strong government pressure. There has recently been a renaissance, but today's young reporters on Le Monde, L'Express and Le Canard Enchaîné owe a debt to the quiet man in the overcoat.

Derogy was the author of some 24 books, most of them accounts of his investigations. He is survived by his second wife and a daughter and two sons from an earlier marriage

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the head of the competition with eight p the RAC's nine, and though both the teams will be without the services of their first strings in the second half of the competition. last night's match has probably determined the destination the Cum. e destination the Cup. In the first saving match, F.D. Amr Bey

(RAC) heat K.C. Gandar Dower (Queen's) by three games to none (9-7, 9-5, 9-1). This was the best game seen or likely to be seen between amateurs this season, for the pair will not meet again in the Amateur Championship. Gandar Dower kept the Open champion in court for 52 minutes and thoroughly extended him in the first game, a feat of which no other British amageur is capable. The standard of play in this game was extremely high, both players producing wonderful shots of every

ON THIS DAY

November 14, 1935

Even when described in cold print 62 years later the skill and pace about the court of two such famous squash players as F.D. Amr Bey and K.C. Gandar Dawer are memorable.

description, and it had to be an exceptionally fine one to terminate a raily, when the return of both was so accurate and their pace about the court so great.

Amr's length for his hard-hit shot to the back of the court was not so consistently good as it became later, and Gandar Dower, profiting by this, led at 5-3, making a very useful run of four aces. Amr drew level at five all with an unexpected back-hand reverse angle shot, but five hands later his opponent led at 7-5, scoring his seventh are with a beautiful drop shot at the end of a rally of some 40 strokes. Gandar Dower then made

two mistakes, hitting a service out of court and putting an easy hall on the tin, and the score was seven all. He was in hand once more, but failed to score, and Amr. with an angle and drop shot, both made with perfect touch on the back-hand, won the game,

Afterwards the superior stroke play of the champion gradually overcame the wonderful activity of the Queen's Club player. Amr also found the length of the court better, and though 25 hands were played in the second game. Gandar Dower was always fighting a osing battle.

In the third he could do little against Amr's relentless accuracy and scored only a single ace before the latter won the match with a tun of four aces, the winning shot being a perfect straight drop shot in the fore-hand

The two remaining ties, though good of their class, were somewhat insignificant in

comparison. J.N.S. Ridgers, by superior stroke play and

greater pace in the court, proved far too good for the steady return of O. Lerwill, winning by three games to none (9-7, 9-3, 9-4), and R.K. Tinkler so outlasted J.H. Stothert that after a finely fought third game he won the fourth without the loss of an ace, the score being 9-5,

theatrical and musical talent. finely crafted cameo perforthe comedian Vic Oliver. His film debut came in 1947. He was, in fact, sufficiently mances. He played mincing

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Britain sends carrier to the Gulf

■ Britain was preparing last night to send a potent strike force to the Gulf to support the Americans in any military action against Iraq. The aircraft carrier HMS Invincible, armed with six Sea Harriers, was ordered to steam from Barbados to Gibraltar and prepare to take on board six RAF Pages 1, 18, 19

Dancing farewell to Goldsmith

Sir David Prost introduced the memorial service for Sir James Goldsmith at St John's, Smith Square by saying that it was not going to be a religious occasion. The 700 guests who gathered to celebrate his multi-faceted life found themselves in an atmosphere more akin to carnival than church, punctuated by jazz, a Mexican mariachi band and impromptu dancing. It seemed a fitting farewell for a true maverick..... ... Page 1

Ecclestone plea

Bernie Ecclestone, the motor racing chief at the centre of the political donations row, has appealed to the public standards watchdog to allow Labour to keep the El million he gave it

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Tony Blair has ordered that all ministerial cars should be powered by environmentally-friendly natural gas fuel. Exempted from the move are the Daimlers and Jaguars used by Mr Blair and his deputy, John Prescott....... Page 1

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In an age when almost one in two

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A farmer's wife was selected at random for murder as she Page 5

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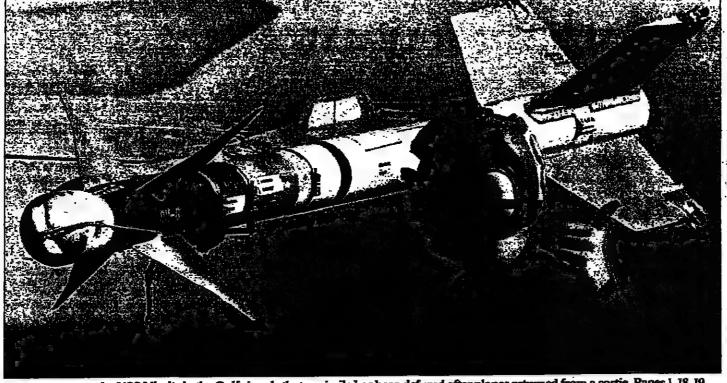
In a ceremony which politicians and oilmen hailed as the start of a new Caspian Sea oil boom, Azerbaijan began pumping ashore the first of billions of barrels of

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Nicky Oppenheimer joined fellow Angio American and De Beers executives in an apology for havwalked along a country lane, a ing worked with a racist

Humphrey's final life in the suburbs

He was once presumed dead, and then miraculously returned home. But yesterday Humphrey the Downing Street cat left the Government for good. His exit from public life was deliberately quiet. On medical advice, Humphrey, 11, who has a kidney complaint, was taken to live with a member of staff in the leafy suburbs for his final days



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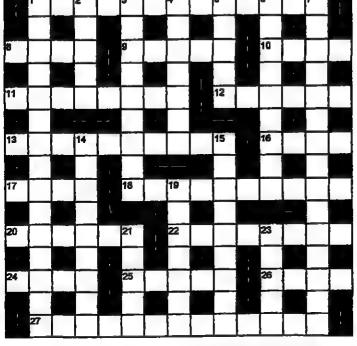
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east, but western areas will brighten. Northern Ireland will start damp with patchy fog, slowly brightening. ☐ London, SE England, Cent S England, Midlands: cloudy with outbreaks of milder later. Winds moderate SW.

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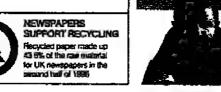
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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

Rolls to receive £200m in funds from State

THE Government is to pump £200 million into Rolls-Royce to help to fund a key aircraft engine development project. An application from British Aerospace, believed to be for the same sum, is also on the table to assist work on the new Airbus.

Neither the Government nor Rolls-Royce will reveal details. of the deal, which will deliver cash over the next four years. but John Battle, Industry Minister, said it was a commercial deal. The Government will receive returns on its cash as and when the engines are sold.

Mr Battle said: This is not

state aid. It is a commercially. assessed deal. We could get returns over 40 years." He said the Government wanted to assure Rolls-Royce's position as a world leader in the next century and leared that development on the Trent family of . engines — a critical peg in its strategy - could have been abandoned. He said the cash would help to secure 16,000

obs in the long term.

Rolls-Royce believes that the market for improved Trent engines to power large aircraft could deliver ESO billion in sales. It competes with General Electric and Pratt & Whitney of the US, both of which receive assistance through the Govern-

ment and NASA.

Tony Blair recently signalled his support for consolidation in the aerospace industry. The Government is keen that Rolls-Royce has a prominent role in the global market. The increasing market influence of large US companies is worrying the European players which face greater political considerations in joint operations. Mr Battle said: The agreement with Rolls-Royce embodies the Government's commitment to

public/private partnerships."

BAe said it awaited the Government's response to its own request "with urgency". BAe, which is a partner in Airbus Industrie, wants help with the development of the

new A340-500 and 600 Airbus. Rolls-Royce has seven international partners in the existing Trent project. It intends to recruit partners for the new project. In large-scale developments the aerospace industry tends to involve partners to share risk rather than seek traditional bank finance. Rolls-Royce, which has an A2 credit rating from Moody's, said: "We don't have a record of going to banks."

One analyst said the state funds would help to ensure the survival of the programme in a impossible for Rolls-Royce to

manage independently while satisfying the demands of

John Rose, chief executive of Rolls-Royce, said the company now had "the opportunity of addressing, with a single en-gine family, the market for all of the new large aircraft currently being planned. He said there was already cus-

Airbus Industrie has chosen the Trent 500 to power the A340-500 and 600 and has a memorandum of understanding with Rolls-Royce that will enable the Trent 900 to fit its planned A3XX super jumbo.

The Government will not say what proportion of the development costs it is footing. but under world trade rules and the Civil Aviation Act it is allowed to provide up to a third of the costs of a launch. Rolls-Royce already pays the Government about £30

million a year in effective

royalties for previous launch and. It last received assistante of £30 million — in 1984 Rolls-Royce yesterday ruled out a rights issue in connection with future Trent development. The shares, which had less than an hours trading the announcement, closed up '2p at 2172p. They

have recently lost ground after

hitting a five-year high of

2684 p in June



Commentary, page 29 Sir Ralph Robins, chairman, is already aware of customer interest in the new engines

Burton £65m spent on demerger and relaunch

THE BURTON GROUP yesdemerger of its Debenhams department stores and bringing its remaining high street fashion chains under a single

The company, which will spin-off Debenhams next January and rename itself Arcadia, spent £14.6 million on City advisers to work out the structure of the new company. It has spent £4.4 million shedding about 300 workers, and will lose £15.4 million on the disposal of surplus offices, John Hoerner, chief execu-

changes, the company will be able to reshuffle its high street mix of stores and save between £10 million and £15 million a year. He said: "We have destroyed the tribal attitude that used to exist in the group. If we want to change shops to different brands, there is nobody saying on my God, they're taking over my turf. Its not one person's territory, its now everybody's territory."

Mr Hoerner sald: "This is exactly the sort of thing Arcadia will be doing, and this is why the new look makes sense. Last year there was only one person who could have done something like that - me."

His comments came as the group returned a £187 million (£121 million) underlying pre-tax profit for the year to

August 30, taking earnings to 9.4p (5.7p) a share. This came in at the top end of City

expectations and the shares

were its best-performing divisions, with profits up £7.6 million at £27.5 million. Bur-

ton Menswear was the worst. with profits down 36 per cent

Profits at Debenhams rose

Top Shop and Top Man

rose 7 p to 139 p.

to £2.1 million.

BY FRASER NELSON

terday said that it has spent £65.6 million so far on the tier of management.

tive, said that after the

He said the company had completed a dry run in Glasgow, where it recruited extra staff do man Murtons, Etam, Dororthy Perkins, Top Shop and Principles during the Christmas season. It interviewed 500 people for 80 jobs and had finished the task atnin a week.

BUSINESS **TODAY**

STERLING

to £129 million (£103 million) after it opened four new stores. Burton Group said current trading was strong, with over-all sales growth at 8.5 per cent,

even after the retail downturn that followed the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. Mr Hoemer said that the home shopping business is still in its infancy, but at this stage the aim was to gather information about which customers to target rather than make profits. He said: "Its very much a case of gathering

knowledge."
Mr Hoerner added that Internet shopping, where Bur-ton is one of the most ad-Resistance vanced companies, had yet to prove itself commercially. He Partners in Coopers & said: "If our people get three orders through the internet, they get excited. If I was to financially analyse it, I would

and Racing Green opened earlier this week. The company has also sold its five main distribution centres to Tibbet & Britten, the logistics company. The deal, involving the transfer of 2,500 staff, will take place in

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ny's money, but it is my job to work on things which may

take on when I'm lons Internet sites for Hawkshead

January.

US RATE

London place..... \$307.68 (\$308.46)

Lybrand met in London for the second day running yesterday, amid signs of growing resistance to the intended merger with Price Waterhouse. Up to a quarter of UK C&L partners are opposed. Page 28

Pay problem

South West Water says low pay is deterring would-be chief executives of the company as it struggles to find a new head after almost a vear of searching. The company says that "for certain people, salary is a

US broker plans **British presence**

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

EDWARD D JONES, the US retail stockbroker, is planning to open 400 offices across Britain, luring thousands of new investors with its "Wall Street comes to Main Street"

John Bachmann, Jones's head, is in London this week to prepare the opening of the first eight offices in January. The plan will take five years and will focus on the Home Counties and middle-class suburbs. Offices will be one-man bands positioning themselves between the village pub and the village church. In the US, the 3,800 Jones offices operate like small insurance broker-

ages that generate most of their sales by being in regular social contact with clients. A spokeswoman said: "We people live in the communities they work in, creating a lot of trust. We are in the relationship business. We stress the

long-term."

Jones will send a few experinced US brokers to Britain to help recruitment. The most important qualities Jones is looking for in its brokers is not a finance degree but the ability to remember the names of all family members of a client.

In the US, Jones promotes a conservative investment phi-losophy. It does not invest in derivatives, commodities or high-risk stocks.

However, it faces a tough challenge as many investors can access their portfolio directly on the Internet. US new business growth has slowed as the number of Internet connec-

Greenspan warns of Asia effect

By Janet Bush ECONOMICS EDITOR

ALAN GREENSPAN. the Chairman of the US Federal Reserve, yesterday gave warning that the impact on the American economy from the crisis in Asian markets will not be negligible and that, more broadly, world growth could be dampened.

In testimony to the House of Representatives Banking Committee, Mr Greenspan said: "The direct and indirect trade impact on our economy of a prolonged period of slower growth in South-East Asia and the large decline in its currencies is potentially significant."

He said that the so-called contagion effect, in which weakness in one economy spreads to others, was "particularly troublesome". Economic View, page 31

Societies given mutual help

BUILDING societies are to be riven extra ammunition in their campaign against speculators, after a surprise Government announcement yesterday. The new rules should make it more difficult for dissident members to force a

society to demutualise. Helen Liddell, the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, told building societies that, in future, 50 per cent of all savers and borrowers must take part in a conversion vote. The previous turnout re-

quirement was 20 per cent of members. This brings societies into line with quoted companies, where 50 per cent of shareholders must cast their votes for or against a takeover bid.

The new higher threshold is intended to make it harder for

been working very hard with

Virgin since the referral [to the MMC] and we are both com-

a small number of members to compel a society to become a bank. In July, Nationwide defeated an attempt by a group of members, led by Michael Hardern, a butler, to gain seats on the board and to force the society to abandon its mutual status. Just a third of Nationwide members cast their votes. It is felt that, if even more members are required to vote in a final conversion poll, that this will ensure the rejection of demutualisation, if it is not

supported by the board. Brian Davis, Nationwide chief executive and chairman of the Building Societies Asso-ciation, welcomed Mrs Liddell's concession saying that it was "unacceptable for a small group of members to determine the future of a society".

Didn't I back him in the National? ERNEST & JULIO GALLO

CALIFORNIA .- --

Capital confident Virgin deal safe from Evans



By RAYMOND SNODDY, MEMA EDITOR

SENIOR executives at Capital Radio believe the planned merger with Richard Branson's Virgin Radio will go ahead despite the unexpected intervention of Chris Evans, the presenter, with a rival offer.

David Campbell, chief executive of Virgin Media, said

yesterday that the Evans bid, supported by Apax, the venture capital group, and Paribas, the French merchant bank, was a serious bid and would receive serious consideration. Both Apax and Paribas are former shareholders of Virgin Radio.

options for the future of Virgin Radio. He can go ahead with the merger with Capital, worth about £87 million including the assumption of debt, a deal that is subject to Monopolies and Mergers

merge Virgin Radio with Ginger Productions, the Chris Evans holding company in a deal worth about £80 million. or decide that Virgin Radio is strong enough to stand alone.

David Mansfield, Capital chief executive, said: "We have

Offer fetches top price

THE Virgin Express Nasdaq and Brussels offer has been priced at the top of the proposed price range — the ADR's will be \$15 - because of oversubscriptions. International depositary shares will be priced at 1,602 Belgium francs (26p). Managers said the offer

through. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Richard Branson to our board." It is believed that Capital was reassured by senior Virgin executives privately yesterday that it was still the intention to complete the origiwas subscribed 6 to 7 times, a nal deal level that would be higher by Yesterday Capital said precompletion last night of the tax profit rose 9.2 per cent to public offer in America and

£35 million in the year to September 30. Revenue for the radio business grew 14.6 per cent to £86.1 million.

mitted to seeing the deal go Commentary, page 29

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the private placement in

Europe. Virgin says the offer

will raise nearly \$100 million

and value the company at up

to \$250 million.

Molins to shed 25% of workforce

Molins, the troubled maker of cigarette machines, is cutting 500 jobs across its UK factories because of a severe downturn in Chi-

The company, which employs 2,000, is shedding 25 per cent of its workforce. The restructuring will cost Molins £17.5 million. The shares fell 722p to a five-year low of 3272p. Tempus, page 30

Cantab boost

Cantab Pharmaceuticals yesterday reported encouraging results from clinical tests of vaccines. Cantab ended its third quarter on September 30 with £43.2 million in cash. Its ninemonth loss was reduced to £50,000 (£2.3 million loss).

WBB deal

Watts Blake Beame, the world's largest producer of ball clay. is close to securing extensive mining rights from Keramchemie. the German group.

Nintendo up

Nintendo, the Japanese game maker, lifted profits 63.5 per cent to 49 billion yen (£230 million) in the six months to September 30 and forecast a 14.8 per cent rise in full-year profits to 116 billion yen.

Hotels plan

Royal Bank of Scotland is investing £27 million in BDL Hotels, a hotel company based in Glasgow.

Vodafone link Vodafone, the mobile telephone group, and Energis,

the telecoms company, are linking to offer fixed-line telephone services from next vear. Viyella blow

Almost 500 jobs will be lost with the closure of the Coats Viyelia factory in Lurgan. Northern Inclined

TOURIST RATES

Signs of merger opposition evident among C&L partners

PARTNERS in Coopers & Lybrand met in London for the second day running yesterday, amid growing resistance to the proposed merger with Price Waterhouse.

There are indications that up to a quarter of UK Coopers & Lybrand (C&L) partners are opposed to the merger, which requires a 75 per cent "yes" vote to proceed. This week's presentation to partners, led by Peter Smith, UK chairman, fails to look at the reasons for

Plunge in

markets

hits Chase

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

THE worldwide stock market

plunge last month has left a hole in the balance sheet of

Chase Manhattan, the largest

US commercial bank to have

an investment banking arm.

Chase yesterday said that it

had pre-tax losses from trad-

ing activity of \$160 million (£100 million) in October after

a number of ambitious bets in

emerging markets went

wrong.
It said: "The loss was the re-

sult of unusually volatile and

adverse trading markets in the

latter parts of October, char-

acterised by sharp price de-

clines and a loss of liquidity for certain securities, particu-

larly emerging markets

The loss has put at risk its 15

per cent earnings growth tar-get. Chase said. The precari-

ous financial position could

also harm Chase's position in

the current consolidation of

Chase has often been men-

tioned as a potential buyer of a

medium-size Wall Street in-

vestment bank, such as

PaineWebber, Bear Stearns or

Donaldson. Lufkin & Jenrette.

in September, Travelers

Group, an insurance company,

George Salem, an analyst

with Gerard, Klauer, Matti-

bought Salomon Brothers.

to announce losses soon.

the US banking sector.

on the potential financial rewards to partners. One said yesterday: "A lot of partners don't respond well to being blackmailed and bribed."

Grady Means, head of business strategy at C&L Consulting in America, has circulated a memo to partners, urging them to reject the merger. Mr Means claims that up to 1,200 C&L partners worldwide could lose their jobs in what amounts to a Price Waterhouse (PW) takeover. Most at risk are partners and

profit, high-risk clients.

Mr Means has calculated that 4 per cent of C&L clients (about 1,500 companies) account for 92 per cent of the firm's profits. The remaining 28,000 clients account for only 8 per cent of profits and a large proportion of practice liability.

Mr Means writes: "Having carefully reviewed the pro-spectus and the surrounding discussion. I feel very strongly that the proposed merger will destroy many of your careers and the businesses that you

quickly. You have every right to have this very aggressively and openly debated before you

He adds: "The senior partners are determined to avoid active debate and to proceed ahead aggressively, hoping a stampede mentality will lead to rapid approval.

Key managerial positions will go to PW partners in America, even though C&L is larger. A planned supervisory board is heavily stacked in PW's favour. Mr Means

more than Fr7 billion in its

first two years, celebrated its

fifth anniversay year with a

7.7 per cent rise in attendances

to 12.6 million and a rise in

botel occupancy from 72.2 per

The company also announced yesterday that it is raising entry fees. The low season price will rise from

Fr125 to Fr130 for children

and from Fri50 to Fri60 for

aduits. Peak season entry will

rise Fr5 across the board.

cent to 78 per cent.

tially being given a massive amount of highly profitable neered a massive takeover.

C&L management is said to be viewing regulatory threats to the merger with some complacency. Partners in London have been told that approval is a matter of "losing some audits we want to lose anyway, and making some assurances about

good behaviour", Voting takes place on Nov-

Football wins £100m TV deal

ENGLAND'S leading football entrepreneur, and Canal Plus, the French TV group. Their joint bid has seen off a

It comes in addition to the

The new deal is worth nearly four times the £9 million a year which CSI was paying to show Premiership games outside the UK. CSI has sold coverage of Premiership football to countries as diverse as Australia and Scandinavia. Mr McCormack has promised to aim for the bur-

massive markets in Asia for football related merchandise. Manchester United publishes its club magazine in Thai and sells 20,000 copies per issue. Final terms have yet to be

20th-century

BY JASON NUSSE

clubs are to receive around £100 million over three years for the international rights to televise live Premiership football under a deal set to be signed with Mark McCormack, the international sports

rival offer from CSI, the international rights group, which has held the contract for the past five years and could be worth in excess of £2 million a year for top clubs, including the publicly listed Manchester United, Aston Villa and Newcastle United.

£740 million for the UK rights. signed with the BBC and BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International. owner of The Times.

geoming Aslan market. Leading clubs have found

Liberty rebels agree not to accept offer

REBEL shareholders who are pressing for board changes at Liberty are attempting to stymie the board's attempts to find a buyer for the West End department store company. The Stewart-Liberty family and Brian Myerson's Concerto Capital Corporation, who together own 44 per cent of Liberty, said they have agreed not to accept any offer until after next month's shareholder meeting at which they will try to oust Denis Cassidy, Liberty's chairman. They said a "fire sale" would not be in the interests of Liberty or its shareholders.

A spokesman for the board said the statement from the dissidents "only adds weight to the suspicion that this is an attempt to take effective control of the business without

Littlewoods investment

LITTLEWOODS, the home shopping to football pools group, is investing £12.5 million in its Index catalogue shops chain. The investment includes a £10 million upgrade of the computer systems for its chain of 140 stores as well as a £750,000 automated telephone information service, a system to help shoppers to find what they want and the opening of six smaller shops called Local Link. Littlewoods is still awaiting Board of Tradeapproval for it to buy Freemans from Sears.

Aegon raises forecast

AEGON, the parent company of Scottish Equitable, has raised its 1997 forecast for the third time this year after announcing net profits 36 per cent ahead, at £473 million, in the first nine months. Aegon's premium income for the first three quarters rose 23 per cent to £4.8 billion and Aegon now forecasts net earnings and earnings per share growth for 1997 in line with those figures, up from the 25 per cent per share improvement forecast mid-year.

Siemens to buy US units

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SIEMENS, the German electronics and engineering group, is poised to pay around El billion in cash and assume some debt to buy the conventional power generation units of Westinghouse Electric in the US, according to a source close to the negotiations. The deal would let Westinghouse focus on its media business. The conventional energy business makes turbines, reactors and control systems for power companies. Slemens and Westing-house would not confirm or deny the deal. (Bloomberg).

BBA acquisitions

BBA, the British engineering group, has agreed to acquire Bidim, a Brazilian manufacturer of polyester non-woven materials from Rhodia-ster, the largest manufacturer in South America of polyester products, for £23.8 million. It has also bought out the remaining 50 per cent in a German joint venture for DM6 million (£2.068 million). In the 12 months to December 31, 1996, Bidim reported sales of \$21.8 million (£12.8 million) and operating profits of \$900,000.

Strong start at Gerrard

GERRARD, the stockbroker and fund manager, raised pre-tax profits from £6.3 million to £14.4 million in the half year to September 30 on operating income up from £43.4 million to £78 million. The half-year dividend is held at 8p per share, from earnings of 12.2p (8.4p). Directors said that increases in-dividends over the next lew years will be considered only at the final dividend stage. Directors reminded shareholders that turnover is historically higher in the second half.

Gates sells Microsoft shares

PROPERTY developments

adjacent to Disneyland Paris

theme park, including hous-

ing, offices and a shopping

mall, could provide the key to its future profitability.

Unveiling a 7.5 per cent rise in annual profits to Fr217

million (£22 million), Gilles

Pélisson, chairman, said yes-

terday that the company ex-

pected to realise a gain of

around Fri00 million as soon

as next year on the sale of land

for building a commercial

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

BILL GATES, whose fortune of \$40 billion (£23 billion) makes him America's richest man, has sold 2.15 million shares in his Microsoft company, raising \$280 million.

Documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission show that Mr Gates sold the shares at \$131 each. Microsoft's share price has

Department for monopolistic actions. A court hearing is listed for December 5. Critics of Microsoft from

Actresses Melanie Griffith (left) and Ornella Mutl with Gilles Pilisson at celebrations

Euro Disney's new hope

BY DOMINIC WALSH

centre. "We want to make the

Val d'Europe one of the most

attractive property locations in the Ile de France region,"

he said. "The future of the

company depends a good deal

The first stage includes a shopping mall, a factory out-

let village and a new railway

station. The estimated cost of

Fr3.5 billion will be funded

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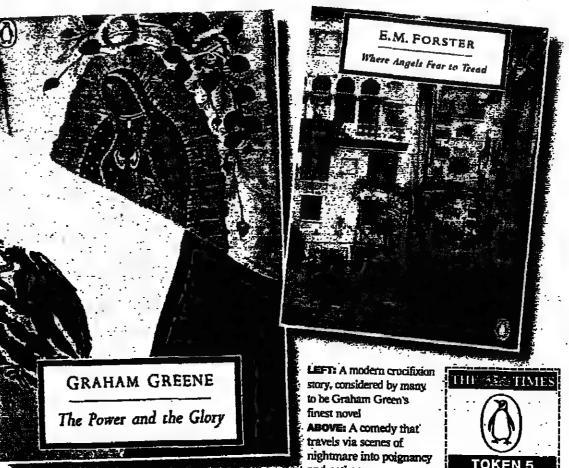
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son & Co, said the losses were more than expected. Other securities operators are likely

been sliding from \$149 in July to \$129 yesterday. Investors fear that the shares may fall further

because the software group has given warning that its earnings growth next year is ous years. Microsoft may also be hit by a fine of \$1 million a day sought by the US Justice

across America yesterday at-tended a Washington conference organised by Ralph paigner, amid signs that Microsoft's market power may become a big political issue.

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Poor Mrs Beckett. After months of being criticised for a certain lack of dynamism, the President of the Board of Trade was precluded from presiding over the announcement of the most postive news tocome out of the Department of

Trade and Industry under this Government. A package of £200 million to bolster Rolls-Royce in its efforts cast Industry Minister John Battle in the role of action man; since Mrs Beckett could hardly be seen to be spearheading a move that will undoubtedly bring benefits to her constituency. Politics is a

But, for all the talk of transparency that has been issuing forth from Westminster of late, the terms of the deal with Rolls-Royce remain opaque. We are told that the investment by the Government could reap a fine return over time. Simulta-neously, we are to believe that the money would never have been provided by a commercial lender on such a basis. We can believe the latter and take the former

with a hefty dose of optimism.
It might turn out to be justified, since Rolls has a fine product and the chance to lead an admittedly small field. Customers are already lining up for Trent engines and, if the airline industry remains in its current expansive mood, perhaps Rolls-Royce can net the £50 billion of Trent sales that it is intimating could be possible — over time.

Fuelling an engine for growth

Mrs Beckett has in the past been at pains to insist that the Government would not indulge in the business of backing winners", a policy that led to some disastrous investments by previous administrations. But it was the implementation rather than the principle that was at

Both of Rolls-Royce's competitors receive state funding and it is legitimate for the Government to allow Rolls-Royce to fight on equal terms.

This would not be the case if Rolls-Royce was an ailing company with no-hope products, but it is the opposite. Its problem is the time scale that it must operate on, which could see its Trent engines still in demand 40 years hence. Try selling that sort of lead time to an investment

Britain has now opted out of trying to create a world-class investment bank and has precious few world-beating businesses of its own.

As a nation we have seen companies from carmakers to utilities taken over by overseas organisations prepared to put in the investment that the locals cannot or will not. There is no longer even a cry of national



COMMENTARY by our City Editor

outrage when the possibility of Rolls-Royce rootor cars being taken over by BMW is mooted as a likely outcome of Vickers' decision to sell. We have come round to the view that it is jobs that matter rather than

But the Trent project offers the chance to holster jobs, serendipitously in Mrs Beckett's parliamentary constituency, whilst cementing Rolls Royce's position as a world-class company.

Branson and a clause for concern

Thris Evans only has a ten week contract to produce his inimitable breakfast show on Virgin Radio. Clearly he is enjoying himself far too much to contemplate a life of morning lie ins, so he had little option but to try to buy the company and How kind of the Evans fans at venture capitalist Apax to offer to back him in his ambitions.

Capital Radio thought that Richard Branson was already committed to its £87 million offer but the Monopolies Commission has boringly intervened there and, anyhow, Evans and his Ginger Productions will probably be able to structure a deal which is more simpatico with the ideals of the bearded, extrovert,

But Branson should take his time studying the small print. It seems he may have reason to regret the haste with which he rushed into selling the majority of his stake in Virgin record stores to WH Smith. Branson is keen to take control over what is now the Virgin Our Price chain but has already had his first offer roundly rebuffed. He may have found himself somewhat disadvantaged in the negotiations thanks to a clause in the original sale contract which gives WH Smith a valuable bargaining counter. For the stores

group whose recent dismal performance led to it being subjected to the indignity of a bungled bid from one of its former employees, there is rea-son for a small smirk over the

deal it clinched with Virgin.

Come the middle of 1999, Smith, should it so wish, has the option to buy out Virgin's 25 per cent stake in their joint business for nine times post-tax profits— not a hefty multiple in the music business. The Virgin name goes with the deal, and, apparently remains there for the next couple of decades. For the brand name which he has spent so much time and PR effort in building up to be at the mercy of another business must be anathema to Branson, but that could be the case. Perish the thought, but WH Smith could even choose to sell Virgin Our Price to a generous bidder surely British Airways would not contemplate a diversification in this direction, would it?

of a bid, Smith is demerging its Waterstones chain and could be persuaded to sell the music shops, but not for a song. Virgin, which manages the shops, can hardly retaliate by letting the shops run down: that would merely have the effect of lessening the price that would apply should Smith take up the option in a couple of years' time.

Top man with a mission

ohn Hoerner is not an impetuous man. The Burton boss has formulated his plans for splitting the company in two with extreme caution an if he believes the £66 million bill will prove worthwhile, investors have reason to believe him. The fact that turning Burton into Arcade and the more prosaic Debenhams will generate City fees of £14.6 million is an indication of why some people still want to be investment bankers: BZW is one of the beneficiaries of this deal.

While Hoerner can fill pages with charts and diagrams to show why the new structure will be beneficial, the essence of the Newly energised by the threat change is simple. When the

London, he was dedicated to turning dowdy Debenhams into a modern market leader. With that well underway, his frustrations with a head office peopled by the energetic Sir Ralph Halpern and his high-spending colleagues reached the pitch where he either took over the group or quit. It was a close thing, but he took over and has changed the culture at Burton and restored its profits. But now he wants to concentrate on doing for the multiples what he did for Debenhams and the demerger will enable him to do just that.

Nebraskan first turned up in

Yesterday's figures demonstrated that he starts from a relatively strong position: profits from the multiples were up by almost a quarter over the year. But with Hoerner in hands-on mode, those figures have much further to go. He will earn his investment banker size salary.

Too Liddell

Helen Liddell gave but a minor concession to preserving the principle of mutuality yesterday when she moved the threshold for conversion to a 50 per cent vote. As she pointed out, it was not carpetbaggers which yanked building societies, kicking and screaming, out of their mutual status, it was their boards. Directors saw benefits for themselves as well as windfalls for their members. Her ruling would not have stopped them.

Sunleigh businesses for sale

BY FRASER NELSON

SUNLEIGH, owner of the Maclaren pushchairs. Powakaddy golf trollies and Laser dinghies busi-nesses, has put all three up for sale after saying that cheap imports are harm-

Ing its core UK market. The company, which six months ago promised investors that it would not go into the red, now expects to lose £1 million on 1997 operations, before charges for restructuring Maclaren. Alastair Findleyson, the

chief executive, said the

pushchair market had be-

come dominated by marques from the Far East. He said: "We just can't manufacture here at anything like the prices the Far East companies are. selling for. "We think the businesses are fundamentally sound, but, at the moment, the group does sources to support all three and that's why we're prepared to consider of

iers for any of them." Sunleigh shares fell to up, from 12p, giving a market value of £3.28 million. The company generates 70 per cent of its sales in the UK. Profits were El.33 million on sales of £38.4 million in 1996.



By CARL MORTHHUD

GERALD CORBETT, the new chief executive of Railtrack. yesterday poured cold water on speculation that the company would throw its financial might behind the faltering Channel Tunnel rail link

Mr Corbett said the project would fit well within Railtrack's skill base but insisted that the company would not participate if the investment proved to be "high risk". He said: "They would like us to be their bankers, but that is of no interest to us." .:

He questioned whether the existing ownership structure of London & Continental Railways was attractive to Railtrack. "We have all had our fingers burnt in consortia. It has never seemed to me to be a recipe for success. You spend all your time talking to

the other parties," he said. Railtrack is expecting a response in the next two weeks to its request for more information about the rail link project, which is backed by Virgin, National Express, London Electricity and SBC Warburg. Shares in Railtrack soared 10



Horton: freight plans

per cent yesterday after the company released half-year figures that showed a sharp increase in the rate of investment to £520 million, up 38 per cent on the corresponding period last year. The share price rise to £10.30 was helped by a cautious welcome from John Swift, the Rail Regulator,

to the investment figures.

Sir Rubert Horton, Railtrack's chairman, said the

Fall in Asian stock markets hits Ladbroke

ECONOMIC problems in South-East Asia have been biamed by Ladbroke Group for a fall in the number of high-rollers visiting London's casinos (Dominic Walsh writes).

In a third-quarter trading update, the company admit-ted that while its UK retail betting business had shown a substantial year-on-year improvement, the London casinos had "remained quiet" after a reduction in attendances by punters from South-East Asin.

Progress made by the group in the first half had continued into the third quarter, and pre-tax profits were "significantly ahead of the corresponding period last year", it said. Simon Johnson, analyst at BZW, is forecasting full-year profits before tax of £218,4 million, up from £163 million.

Bristol & West helps lift Bank of Ireland million to deal with the millen-BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BY RICHARD MILES

A MAIDEN contribution from Bristol & West has helped to boost the first-half pre-tax profits of Bank of Ireland by 30 per cent, to IrE250.7 million (E223 million). Bank of Ireland said that strong growth in lending and in fee-based income helped it to lift earnings per share by a third. Its London-listed shares rose above 800p briefly before falling back to close at 7925p,

up 18p on the day. Maurice Keane, chief executive designate, said that residential lending rose by 16.5 per cent on a buoyant Irish housing market. Property prices have risen by 16 per cent during the year.

Fee-based income rose by Ir 152.5 million, to Ir 1198.5 million, as the bank expanded its asset mamagement busi-



Keane: acquisition interest

broking subsidiary, capitalised on brisk activity in the Dublin stock market.

Operating expenses rose by 15 per cent, largely because of a higher salaries hill. The costs also included a charge of Ir £5 nium computer bug. Mr Keane said that the bank was likely to spend a total of Ir£30 million preparing for 2000. Bristol & West, whose £600 million acquisition was com-

pleted in July, contributed Ir£25.7 million of profits for the two months and four days to September 30. Its addition increased Bank of Ireland's asset base to Ir£3(.3 billion. from Ir £19.4 billion. Mr Keans, who is to become

chief executive in January. said that he was interested in making further acquisitions in the UK so long as they comple mented Bristol & West, such as another building society in the same region so that substantial cost savings could be made. Earlier this month, the bank took control of New Ireland, a pensions provider.

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PRODUCT RECALL

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Menvier chief to make £20m

building up and would get bigger, and he predicted a shift to more growth-based

investment. He pointed to

plans for a £300-400 million

London orbital railway aimed

at shifting road freight on to

rail. Sir Robert said that

Government would need to

lend a hand by reducing

subsidies to the mad transport

industry. He said: "We want

freight to be a paying business

but you have to have a level

playing field, not one where

Sir Robert said he welcomed

the prospect of the Strategic

Rail Authority but he gave

warning that intrusive and

tougher regulation would hin-

der Railtrack's ability to raise money. "We need to be free to

Railtrack's pre-tax profit for

borrow," he said.

road is getting a leg-up."

BY CHRIS AYRES

ROGER FLETCHER, deputy chairman and chief executive of Menvier-Swain, the electrical equipment group, stands to make £20.5 million through his personal holdings and his family's trust fund, if shareholders accept the offer cur-rently being made for the

orupany. The £164.5 million cash offer, which Mr Fletcher has accepted, is being made by Cooper industries, the US engineering group which manufactures Champion

spark plugs.

The 310p per share bid, which represents a 51 per cent premium on the company's share price when the offer was made, has already secured 13.4 per cent of Menvier-Swain's equity, 4.5 per cent of which is held by Mr Fletcher and 8.2 per cent by his family's

It is understood that no major shareholders have obected to the deal.

Mr Fletcher, who founded the company 25 years ago, said: "I am proud of the success that Menvier-Swain has enjoyed since its flotation in 1986 and believe that the company has a strong future as part of the Cooper group."

John Riley, chairman, president and chief executive

of Cooper, said: "The acquisition is another important step in our long-term strategy to enter new markets and extend the global reach of Cooper's Electrical Products

segment.
"It opens up several new market opportunities for us, with reputable brand names and access to markets and customers not currently served by Cooper."



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MICHAEL CLARK Stock Market Writer

MinMet glisters in the rush for Devon gold

JUST like the days of the Klondike gold rush. City investors are hoping to strike it rich quickly in the West. They have fallen in love with MinMet, the Irish company, which has discovered significant levels of gold in the Devon countryside. The find is currently being verified by a government body. MinMet touched 8p yester-

day before closing all-square at 634p in heavy turnover that saw 17.57 million shares change hands, or more than 10 per cent of the company.

Traders say there is strong demand for MinMet from both private and institutional investors. Next stop for the shares could be 10p, valuing the company at £16 million.

The rest of the equity market confounded the bears by opening on a firm note, despite the overnight setback for Wall Street in the wake of the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee's decision not to raise US interest rates. Share prices traded in narrow limits for much of the day, encouraged by calmer conditions in the Far East. By the close the FTSE 100 index was down 9.4 at 4.711.0 in low turnover of 729 million shares.

Gaffaher responded to news of Christopher Fielden, a director, picking up 10,000 shares at 295p, with a rise of 8p at 298p. The company has been meeting institutional shareholders. Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker. says that it is gaining ground on Imperial Group, 212p firmer at 37812p, its biggest rival, with its market share growing 0.5 per cent during the third quarter.

Schroders waded into the marketplace and snapped up four million shares in Etam, a bid target, at 134p. The purchase by Etam Developpement, the French suitor. including irrevocable acceptances, gives it control of 51 per cent of the equity. But with Etam Developpement shares dropping sharply, from Fr381 to Fr344, after being requoted on the Paris Bourse yesterday the cash alternative of 135p is starting to look more attractive. Etam finished unchanged

De La Rue slipped 3p to with Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, issuing a sell" recommendation ahead of next week's half-year re-sults. It tells clients that the recent outperformance by the shares in a bear market offers

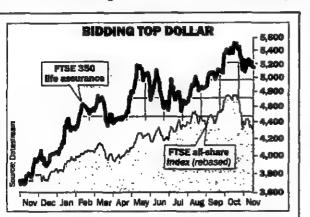


them the chance to bail out. The outlook for sustained growth is just wishful think-

The revitalised pound is causing all sorts of problems for Britain's big exporters. But the message from the Bank of England is that they will have to lump it, for the time being at least. As sterling rose again, shares of manufacturing com-

retreat GKN dropped 49p to E12.26, TJ Group 26p to 485p, Siebe 30p to £10.39, IMI 2012p to 36812p, and Smiths Industries 62p to 800p. Johnson Matthey was another casualty, falling 34 ap to 559p.

BBA was another weak market, losing 612p at 369p on currency worries. The group has made a £24 million acqui-



IT LOOKS like open season in the life assurance sector with the clearing banks making no secret of their desire to bag one or two of the industry leaders. Earlier in the week Legal & General, down 14p at 485p. was chased higher by claims that Barclays Bank. down 22p at £14.58 had made an approach.

ed that Barclays had now turned its attention to Nor-wich Union, up 104 p at 3634 p. David Hudson, at Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, is not surprised. Every UK clearing bank

has said publicly that they are looking to expand their interests in life assurance, pension and fund management. They now need to pursuade these public companies to give up their independence," he said. He sees Legal & General

as the more attractive bid target, but any bidder is going to have to pay

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Shares of Sunleigh tumbled 12p to 34p after warning that losses for the year would excess £1 million. It was now looking for buyers for all or part of the business.

Menvier Swain surged 4lp to 302p as Houston-based Cooper Industries emerged with an offer of 310p a share, valuing the electrical goods group at £165 million.

Capital Radio dropped 111 ap to 472p after it emerged that DJ Chris Evans was putting together an £80 million package to top its bid for Virgin Radio. Capital, where David Mansfield is chief executive, is still awaiting the goahead from the DTI.

Northern Recruitment got off to a flying start after a placing by Beeson Gregory. the broker, at 108p. The price opened at 11512p and touched a peak of 126p before closing at 125p, a premium of 17p.

Gyrus Group enjoyed a modest premium in first-time trading after a placing by Panmure Gordon, the broker. at 145p. It settled at 14712p, a premium of 212p.

GILT-EDGED: The bargain hunters were out in force,

convinced that Wednesday's sharp falls had been overdone In the futures pit, the De-cember series of the long gilt put on £3s at £117132 in heavy turnover that saw a total of 117,000 contracts completed.

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Don't be sidetracked

nod of approval from John Swift over the increased investment levels seemed to convince the market that Railtrack is now in a regulatory risk-free zone. This is, of course. nonsense. Mr Swift also notes that Railtrack's operational performance was maintained during the period, rather than improved. It is these numbers, rather than the absence of conflict, which investors should scrutinize.

Railtrack's revenues were almost static and profits growth was mainly down to cost improvements. That is to be expected and, indeed, cost improvements from the renegotiation of long-term maintenance contracts will be a key driver for Railtrack in the future. Complex negotiations are in progress with

RAILTRACK has achieved a rare feat for a track maintenance companies to secure lower privatised utility, securing a share price surge
after a statement from its regulator. A cursory
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But Railtrack would have you believe it can be transformed into a growth company from a cost-cutting utility. Hence the hooplah over the West Coast Mainline project, the London orbital railway and the Channel Tunnel Rail Link. It can point to some evidence of an increase in rail traffic - a 5 per cent rise in train miles. But even the West Coast project will not kick in until 2002; for the time being earnings will be determined by better timekeeping and greater parsimony. A rating of 14.5 times earnings sounds high enough and look out for nervousness if Railtrack does show signs of sending cash down tunnels.

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ing to the 36 per cent increase

UK investors fed up with

in income fee during the first

the never-ending rumours about Barclays and NatWest

should cast their eye over Bank of Ireland. With a p/e

ratio of around 13, it looks

cheap compared with most of its peers on the mainland.

Bank of Ireland

BANK of Ireland's figures showed that the Celtic Tiger is still awake and bungry. Strong growth in both the lending market and in fee-based income helped to lift the bank's first-half pre-tax profits by 30 per cent. Along-side its arch rival, Allied Irish Bank, Bank of Ireland dominates the banking sector in its native country. With about 1 million customers, the bank's share of high street business is close to 40 per cent enough to make a British

banker's mouth water. Such huge clout has en-abled the bank to benefit from the Republic's fabulous growth rate. GNP is running at between 6 and 7 per cent per annum, while demand for housing has seen property prices rise by 16 per cent this year.

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Capital Radio

UNCOUTH and badly dressed he may be, but Chris Evans certainly makes life in the City interesting. Who else would use a radio breakfast show to tout for money to buy the same radio company and get it because someone from Apax was listening? Who else could have analysts reading the latest financial news from The Sun?

But when the smile fades on Evans's face, the most likely outcome will be that Richard Branson will pocket a pile of cash and take 9.9 per cent of an enlarged Capital Radio Group and a seat on the board. Capital are serious players in radio — they have yet to prove they understand the restaurant business anything like as well — and a Virgin-Capital Radio link-up will be good for the growth of

unlikely to be shared by smaller London stations such as XFM.

of growth will slow and bad debts will rise. However,

Bank of Ireland is not just

dipping its paws in the Irish

honeypot but has been seek-

ing to diversify, first buying Bristol & West for £600

million and lately taking control of New Ireland

Holdings, a supplier of life

and pension products. It has also expanded its fund man-

There is, of course, a third option: Richard Branson could decide to do his own thing. Virgin Radio is doing well, with profits now up to £4.4 million, and there never was a "for sale" sign on the door. But business logic still points to a Virgin-Capital consummation, even if it akes a few months.

Molins

MOLINS is in deep trouble. its prime wheeze, helping tobacco barons to make fags to sell to the Chinese, has imploded under a wave of government turmoil.

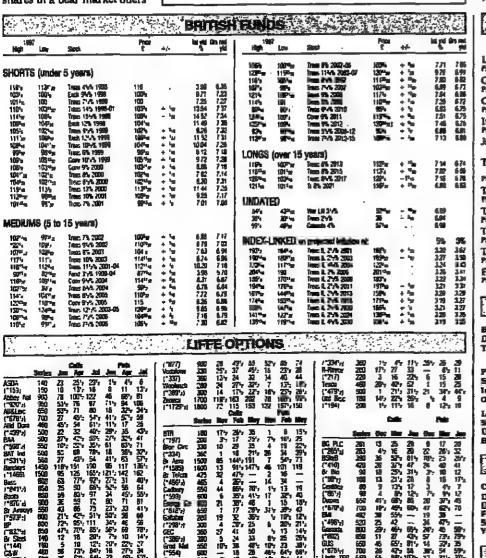
The next best thing, helping them to make cigarettes similar beating as they save their pennies for punitive-

The market is in no doubt about the task ahead. The shares have dived to a sixyear low. But is this an opportunity to buy on badnews? It depends on whether the cigarette machine market will bounce back, and to what level.

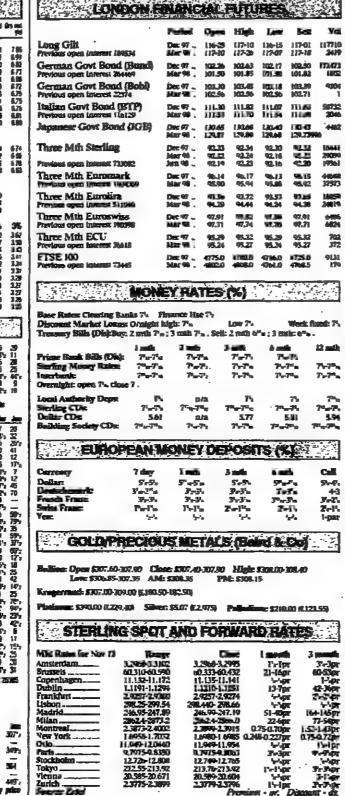
The company is bullish; it talks of the good times coming back within two years. If it delivers the cost savings and wins back the custom, it. could well return to the Molins of yore, with a 12 per cent margin and consistent 15 per cent earnings growth. Also, tobacco is only 80 per cent of the story; its packag-ing division continues to do

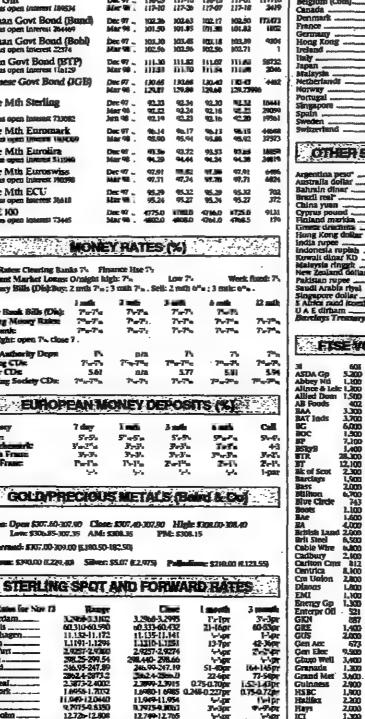
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How Asia's financial typhoon could blow a cold wind west

Tokyo must stimulate

its economy to avoid a

return to 1929 mayhem

The last time this column discussed the Asian financial crisis (for once this overused ford is perfectly apt), the question in many people's minds was whether the panic in such relatively insignificant economies as Malaysia and Thailand would spread to the one South-East Asian centre capable of seriously affecting the global economy - Hong Kong. The answer was predict-

able enough.

The Hang Seng index, at 15,000 on August 29, when this column last visited South-East Asia, has fallen 40 per cent in

the past two months. With the Hong Kong stock market wrecked, the financial typhoon turned north, hitting Taiwan and Korea. Both of these large and previously robust economies have now suffered devaluation and stock market collapse. With collateral evaporating and companies unable to service their foreign prrency loans, bank panies have been the inevitable result. To make matters worse, many of the insolvent banks have turned out to be controlled by associates or relations of local political leaders. As a result, the markets are starting to question the credit-worthiness not only of individual Thai, Korean and Indonesian bunks and companies, but of the

unpleasant for western devoteek of the "Asian miracle" who deved that the streets of. Kusia Lumour would soon be paved with gold, but what does it mean for the rest of the world? Yesterday, the US Con-The asked the two economists whose views on this question Greenspan, the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and Larry Summers, the Deputy Secretary of the US Treasury in charge of international affairs. Reading between the lines, the mounting anxiety in Washing-ton-was clear.

All this may be thoroughly

Mr Greenspan pointed to three main channels through which the Asian crisis could hurt America and, by implication, Europe. The first channel is "financial contagion": the loss of confidence in emerging markets has spread financial. problems to all emerging economies, not only in Asia but also in Latin America and Eastern Europe. Although Mr Greenspan will never say so, the collapse in emerging stock markets would not, on its own, have upset the Fed. Mr Greenspan noted almost a year ago that stock markets were

WHICH would you rather do, work crucifying hours in invest-ment banking until the ulcers

stop you, or watch bottles of beer roll off the family produc-tion line? Money being no

object, of course.
Ian Molson, head of Euro-

pean investment banking at Credit Suisse First Boston, has

just made the choice. Francy ming, 1 know, what with SFB's purchase of BZW, but

he is leaving the firm for reasons quite unconnected with this week's purchase, to

be replaced by Chris Carter. Molson had been at GSFB

for 20 years but is off to run the

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suffering from "irrational exuberance, and nowhere was the exuberance more irrational than in overpriced: speculative markets such as Malaysia and Hong Kong. To the extent that losses in emerging markets could instil some sobriety on

The trouble lies in the broadprices on the economies of the Third World and Eastern Europe. In the long term, Mr Greenspan expressed a confidence in these economies, which seems almost certain to be justified. The reason for long-term confidence is not that Asia has discovered a miraculous new model of capitalism or that the people there are more disciplined, more respectful of authority or harder working. It is simply that Asia starts so far behind America and Europe.

As Mr Greenspan put it: There is no reason that aboveaverage growth in countries that are still in a position to gain from catching up with the prevailing technology cannot persist for a very long time." What investors now have to realise, however, is that the same "advantages" of techno-

family brewery of the same

name in Montreal. He is

staying in London, though. "Molson will be taking up a half to a third of my time." The

rest, he is undecided on, but is

enthusiastic about opportuni-

THE sad and unexpected

James Miller, chairman o

Wassall, at the age of 72. He was the father of chief execu-tive Chris Miller, to whom our

sympathies are extended. He

last surviving successful con-glomerate since 1988. Miller

senior had an interesting side-line, I hear. He also chaired two family businesses, Hardy's and Harris & Sheldan. The

former makes the best fishing

tackle, the latter owns some of

the best fishing water in the

country, rights to a chunk of the Tweed including Junction

Pool, which they tell me is the

absolute Mecca for anglers.

They will continue to be run by

Chris's brother, Michael.

Ritz cracker

MOHAMED AL FAYED has

fallen out big-time with a for-

mer marketing man, and the

matter has gone to m'learned

friends. Among Alan Duddle's

ties in Russia.

Bottle bank

wages apply to much of Latin America, Eastern Europe and parts of Africa. At present these regions are inevitably being sucked into the financial maelstrom along with Asia, but when the crisis is over, they may emerge relatively stronger if the mystique of the "Asian and channel of influence from world trade and therefore on economic growth in America

his impact may be quite modest, not because the countries portant but because economic policymakers in America and especially in Europe - are likely to respond to the Asian crisis by keeping interest rates lower than they otherwise would. Although Mr Greenspan emphasised that the countries at the heart of the crisis buy only a small fraction of US exports, he added that the loss of trade for America would become more serious as the loss of confidence spread to

Latin America and other

emerging regions. When Mr

yesterday, that the impact of

duties at the Fayed empire

was brand development at the

Paris Ritz, and he was fired

from that job just four days be-

fore the tragic events of the end of August, having been

booted out of Harrods three

He is suing for wrongful dismissal and about half a

year's salary, unspecified,

from both employers. He only

ioined at the start of the year.

His lawyers' statement says he

was responsible both for the

hotel and for something called

the Duke and Duchess of Windsor Brands, of which

Harrods pleads absolute

Duddle is out of the country.

and no one is saying any

more. The usual sources at

Harrods say they are lighting

the claim, and, intriguingly,

issuing a counter-claim "to re-

cover substantial damages".

he may be stating the obvious, but he is also confirming that, in setting American monetary policy, the Red will take these deflationary forces fully into account. Whether policymakers in Europe and Britain to be seen, but I suspect that the Bundesbank and the Bank of France are watching the turmoil in Asia every bit as carefully as the Fed. Many financial analysts currently view the global impact of the problem for America than for Europe, because America trades more with these countries than Europe and because American multinationals have derived an increasing share of their profits from the rapid

events in Asia on the US

economy will be "not negligi-ble" or that the growth of US exports will "tend to be muted",

branded goods such as Coca-Cola, intel microprocessors or Disney curtoons. This is a misconception. For Europe — and especially for Germany — the loss of exports to Eastern Europe and Russia caused by the collapse of financial confidence in all emerging markets is almost as serious as

growth of Asian markets for

exposed in Asia because their exports are focused on heavy capital goods, infrastructure projects and luxury products. Sales of gas turbines and champagne to Malaysia and Thailand are likely to suffer even more than sales of Michael Jackson and Gillette razors. Furthermore, the European

connomies are more vulnerable

than America to deflationary shocks, simply because their growth is entirely export-dependent and domestic demand remains weak. Bundesbank should therefore ne at least as alert to the dangers from Asia as is Mr Greenspan. If not, Europe could end up suffering far more than the US.

me to the third major channel of influence from Asia to the global economy identified by Mr Greenspan. This is the desperately weak economy of Japan. economic stagnation. Its financial markets have suffered far worse damage than anything seen in the rest of Asia. Japanese share and property prices are still worth only 40 per cent of the peak levels they hit almost eight years ago (a cautionary lesson for anyone who believes that shares and property are always worth buying after a steep fail).

As the financial crisis moves from Hong Kong to Seoul to Tokyo, Japan's banks are again sliding towards insolvency, as they were in 1995. But this time insurance companies and stockbrokers are also on the brink of a precipice.

The Japanese Government's response to all these problems is to promise more "deregulation". But deregulation cannot deal with demand management problems, though it would be. There is now only one sure way of pulling the Japanese economy back from this precipice by applying a dose of Keynesian demand stimulus with an immediate tax cut, as argued on

this page on September 26. With a modest fiscal stimueconomy would be restored and the economy would rapidly recover. Such a recovery would more than offset all the damage done to the world economy by the problems in Korea, Malaysia and Hong Kong. But with-out a fiscal stimulus, the Asian financial crisis could do to Japan what the 1929 crash on Wall Street did to America.

The question now is whether Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Prime Minister, wants to go down in history as Japan's Herbert Hoover. So far, his indifference to economic danger suggests that he does. But Japanese governments have a long history of stepping up to the brink and pulling back just in time. If the Asian crisis finally forces the Japanese to look into the precipice, perhaps it will have done more good than harm.

Unusual, to say the least. This one could be fun.

Better view

NO ONE was in a better mood than Sir Robert Horton, the Railtrack chairman, yesterday as the shares closed above £10. He was almost beside himself — over the view from his new corner office on the 13th floor of Railtrack House in Euston Square. Gazing at the London skyline, Sir Bob spied the old BP building, where he was also once chairman. "I used to have an office in Britannic Tower, but I think the view is much better from here," he said. An understandable preference, given his involuntary departure from BP.

☐ HELEN LIDDELL, Economic Secretary to the Treasury and scourge of the pensions industry, has a new nickname. Within the industry, it seems, she is known as Stalin's Granny. At yesterday's Building Societies Association lunch she disagreed with this, as you might expect. Her own researches, she said; suggested Stalin's granny was quite a nice old dear.

Stage apron

EMPLOYEES of the Really Useful Group thought Christmas had arrived early a few days ago when a present from Lord Lloyd-Webber popped onto the doormat. My informant opened his with shaking hands. Inside was . . . an apron, stamped with the gold portcullis logo of the House of Lords. Gosh. Just what he had always wanted. So practical. And so colourful. Its significance otherwise was rather lost, except to remind us all of the tunesmith's ennoblement. I rang in search of enlightaprons are to commemorate a

party last month for staff at the House of Lords to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Really Useful Group's formation. They came from the House of Lords gift shop.

MARTIN WALLER



Lord Lloyd-Webber has sent aprons to staff to

Yahoo! puts Web in a spin with dynamic policy of expansion

companies. It provided noth ing more than a directory of Web sites with a catchy name, created by two geeky PhD students at Stanford University in America.

The turning point came when they hired Tim Koogle, then a 43-year-old former Motorola executive, who decided to turn Yahoo! into a heavyweight media com-pany, funded entirely by advertising. Koogle is well on the way to achieving this. having teamed up with several other companies to provide a range of commercial services run alongside Yahool's original news and

By allowing customers to use their credit cards online - they enter their details on a secure site run by the company - Yahoo! in the US now provides a share information and stock broking service, a travel information and booking service, and access to many other Internet

shopping sites.
In the UK, Yahoo! has just launched a continuously updated share price site, with an online stock broking and travel service expected to follow next year. The company is also working on a UK site which allows people to buy and sell property and find vented accommodation. The level of commercial

confidence in Yahoo! was demonstrated at its stock market flotation last year, which made David Filo and Jerry Yang, its twentysomething founders, an estimated £90 million each. Since then, Yahool's aggressive policy of expansion has helped it to break into profits, and boost its value to about £1.2 billion. Everything about Yahool

including its enormous valuation — seems to be slightly surreal. The company's London office is so minimal and has so few staff it makes you wonder whether it actually exists. There is no marking on the door outside, apart from a tiny postage stamp-sized sticker displaying the company's cheerful logo.

Koogle fits the image per-

fectly. His name makes him sound like a character from a children's television series, and he punctuates every manic warbling laughter. "In 1995 I got a call from a

guy at a recruitment company who said he had a couple of smart kids, a good idea, and that they needed adult supervision," Koogle. At the time, he was president of Intermec, a SeatChris Ayres

service firm

assesses the startling rise to prominence of an Internet

de data communications company, having previously "I thought about the business," he says. "What they had already put on the Web was being used by a fair number of people without any money being spent on marketing. It was a good sign that there was some raw material there. Then I did in many ways it was analogous to the broadcast net-

work business "So I took the job and I went from running a company with \$350 million in evenues and 2,000 employees at three factories worldwide to jumping in with six guvs and no business plan."

Koogle saw Yahoo! as a way of tailoring the vast amounts of information on the Internet to suit individual users. By becoming a platform on which other companies could provide commerical services, Yahool could give advertisers the opportunity to target audiences with specific interests. The logic followed that, the fered, the more people would visit its site, thus increasing advertising revenues.

"If you include high street

product information on the Web, along with purchases actually done on the Web. then the industry is probably pretty big," says Koogle, "I guess worldwide it's worth more than \$10 billion, proba-

bly way more than that."

Koogle inevitably supports the Government's current drive to get schools on the Internet, but says Yahoo! is not a political company and has not engaged in any lobbying. He sees more gov Web as inevitable, and worries that an Internet shopping tax could be imposed as the industry grows. He is coy law, which could be altered to prevent Web sites providing direct links to other sites.

e says "I'm sure copyright laws will be updated, and some of it will be needed." For the time being, Yahoo! ls content to try to capture the burgeoning amounts of advertisers' money being pumped into the laternet estimated to be £3 billion by the year 2000. He believes this will grow further as a new generation of Internet

users emerges, "it's interesting to watch how accepting young kids are of the computer," he says. "I was having dinner at my brother's house last month and his little five-year-old boy came bouncing in say ing: 'Unde Timmy, Unde Timmy, I've just done an FTP transfer! Of course, I knew what he was talking about, but my brother just looked at him like he was from the moon.



Tim Koogle gave up a 2,000-staff company for Yahoo!

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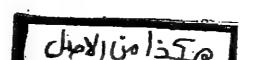
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FKI deal fails to rouse City

FKL the engineering group, yesterday said that the long awaited sale of its automotive division would raise £92.5 million — significantly less than the City expected. FKI shares fell 42 p. to 187p, against a high of 215p last month.

The division will be sold to Trident Automotive, a management-led company backed by Phildrew Ventures and UBS.

FKI said the sale would allow it to concentrate on its core activities of material handling, hardware and electrical engineering. Pro-ceeds of the sale would be used to reduce group gearing to below 60 per cent, it said. FKI has spent about £500 million on acquisitions in the past two years.

Bob Beeston, FKI chief executive, did not rule out further acquisitons, espe-cially in South-East Asia.

Warner slips

Pre-tax profits of Warner Howard, the distributor of commercial laundry and hygiene equipment, fell to E3.26 million (£3.95 million) in the half year to August 31 after a £590,000 exceptional charge against ending the catering activi-ties. Earnings per share fell to 9.28p (10.94p). A dividend rise, to 3.85p, from 3.5p, was said to reflect confidence in the future.

Porter payout

Porter Chadburn, the label maker, is lifting its interim dividend by 20 per cent, to 0.3p, after an 18 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £2.7 million, in the balf year to September 26. Earnings per share rose by 5.5 per cent, to 1.74p. Turnover from continuing operations rose 11 per cent, to

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Water chief stirs debate on fat cats

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

a £7 million loss. The company

said that its interest in Siba, a

water business, was under re

view because of the Italian Gov-

ernment's slow progress in de-

livering operating concessions. South West's pre-tax profits

for the half year to September 30 remained at £68 million if

exceptional items, such as bid

defence costs and profits from

disposals, are stripped out of the previous year's figures. Its interim dividend, due on April

6, rises 11.9 per cent, to 13.2p. The company said that it

wanted expansion of its non-regulated businesses to help to

fund future dividend growth.

SOUTH WEST WATER yesterday claimed that low pay is deterring would-be chief executives of the company as it struggles to find a new head after nearly a year of searching. Ken Harvey, non-executive

chairman, yesterday fuelled the debate about fat-cat salaries in the utilities by saying: "For certain people, salary is a problem." He added that he had interviewed about a dozen candidates and that "a lot of people" had been seen at a

South West Water began seeking a chief executive after Keith Court, the former executive chairman, said that he wanted to leave the company late last year. He had been planning to retire for some time, but stayed on while South West defended itself against bids from Severn Trent and Wessex Water.

Mr Harvey, who was ap-pointed to his £84,000 role in January, has said that the new chief executive will not be paid as much as Mr Court, who, in his final year, received £172,000 after bonuses boosted a basic salary of £127,000.

Mr Harvey, a former chief executive of Norweb, said that the new person needed a mixture of utilities experience arid customer awareness.

South West yesterday announced a move into the nascent competitive water market in a joint venture with Enviro-Logic, a water engineer. South West is paying £450,000 for 50 per cent of Enviro-Logic, with the two working in a joint venture that will focus on providing water for companies, mainly by exploiting untapped resources such as boreholes. It also hopes to provide



Ken Harvey, left, yesterday with Ken Hill, finance director of South West Water

Utilities turn off fewer taps

er customers halved in the first half of this year, according to the industry regulator (Christine Buddey writes).

Just under 1,000 homes — a

rate of one per 20,000 households — were cut off for nonpayment of bills. The latest figures mark the sixth consechave fallen. Ian Byatt, the regulator, said: *Disconnections are now at a very low level - and well below the level recorded before

privatisation." Mr Byatt has been pressing water companies to explore all options before disconnecting supplies. He said: "Develop ing the range of payment

maintaining early and effective contact, reduces the need for disconnection. This should

only be a last resort." Seven companies made no disconnections in the period: Cholderton Water, Mid Southern, South East, South West, Southern, Tendring Hundred and Wessex.

Scapa blames sterling for dip in profits

BY MARTIN BARROW

THE strength of sterling cost Scapa Group almost £5 mil-million (£17.7 million) and lion in the first half of the year,

the company said yesterday.

The manufacturer of industrial products, primarily for the paper industry, suffered a decline in pre-tax profits to £29.2 million. from £30.2 million, in the six months to September 30, which was blamed on the volatile foreign exchange market

Scapa said adverse currency movements reduced the translation of overseas earnings into sterling by about £2.9 million. A further £2 million was considered to be a conservative estimate of the impact on exports, imports and do-mestic market prices. Reported earnings fell to 8.4p a share, from 8.6p, but would have been virtually unchanged at constant exchange rates.

Scapa earns the vast majority of its profits outside the UK. In the six-month period, UK operating profits fell to £4.4 million, from £7.8 million. The rest of Europe contributed £10.6 million (£8.1 2334 p yesterday.

million (£17.7 million) and

(£1.4 million). David Dunn, chief execurive, said papermaking prod-ucts and services, which accounts for almost half of sales and more than 50 per cent of profits, saw underlying profit growth of about 7 per cent.

Mr Dunn welcomed the continued consolidation taking place in the pulp and paper industry, which is leading to a smaller number of global players in the sector. In October, Scapa merged its own North American and European paper machine clothing divisions under one

management team. encouraging, said Mr Dunn, assuming no further strength-ening of sterling. However, even at these levels, the strong pound would continue to be a negative factor.

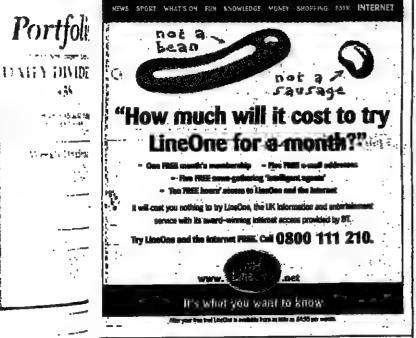
The interim dividend is increased 6.8 per cent to 2.05p a share. The shares fell op to

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HE TIMES FRIDAY NON ENERGY

Before Lord Justice Staughton. Justice Otton and Lord

Judgment October 24 Article II of the Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and

Commercial Judgments, signed at Brussels in 1968, by which an insurer could bring proceedings only in the courts of the contracting state in which the defendant was domiciled, was not limited to insurers domiciled in contracting states. It applied to any insure. bring proceedings against a defendant in the courts of a contracting state when the defendant was domiciled in another contracting

A defendant was entitled by article 11 to counterclaim only against a plaintiff to the original claim. A new claim could not be added against a new party domi-ciled outside the jurisdiction. The Court of Appeal so held, refusing to make a reference to the European Court of Justice and dismissing an appeal by Baltic

counterclaim, against a decision of Mr Justice Langley on October 31, tion to determine the claims of Baltic, a Lithuanian corporation. against the sixth to eigh dants. Quay Financial Software Ltd. Mr Dermot Desmond and Mr Gerard Giblin, who were not plaintiffs in the original action. Mr Desmond and Mr Giblin, who

Quay, an Irish company. An English company, Jordan Grand Prix Ltd, the plaintiff in the original action, ran a motor racing team. Jordan claimed it had agreed to make bonus payments to its employees if it finished in the top six of the 1994 FIA Formula I constructors' world championship. That contingent liability Jordan alleged was insured with Baltic through managing agents in Bel-

were both domiciled in the Repub-

lic of Ireland, were directors of

Quay alleged that it agreed to sponsor Jordan's team and to make sponsorship payments contingent on the team finishing in the top six. That liability Quay claimed was also insured with

in the 1994 championship Jor dan finished fifth. Baltic refused to pay the claims of Jordan and Quay, alleging conspiracy by Jor-

not so taxable then, it was agreed that section 148 of the Art. the

golden handshake provision, would apply.

notice were emoluments. The cru-cial issue dividing the parties was

ages from Johnson and Higgins

for breach of contractual duty of

care and negligence in relation to

HIS LORDSHIP said it was

highly desirable in the interests of

histice, and of avoiding un-

necessary cost and delay, that, whenever practicable, claims over

insurance against brokers be heard at the same time and by the

same tribunal that determined

whether underwriters had validly

avoided the contract.

Clearly payments in lieu of

"matters relating to insurance". The whole issue between the the counterclaim to defraud Baltic. Jordan issued the writ in this action against Baltic claiming money due under the alleged insurance and whether it was sinding and effective. insurance. Quay brought proceed-

ings against Baltic in Belgium. In its defence to that action Baltic insurance contracts and counterclaimed damages for conspiracy and fraud against Jor-dan and Quay. Mr Desmond and

Mr Giblin were said to have been parties to the conspiracy. Quay, Mr Desmond and Mr Giblin applied under Order 12, rule 8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court for the action against them to be dismissed on the ground that the court had no jurisdiction to determine Baltic's claims against

After argument restricted to issues arising under article II. with any issues arising under articles 21 and 22 of the Brussels Convention reserved, Mr Justice Langley dis-missed the action against Quay, Mr Desmand and Mr Giblin for

Mr Anthony Trace for Baltic; Mr Richard Southern for Quay, Mr Desmond and Mr Giblin.

pose of article 11 was to protect small insureds. It was not re-LORD JUSTICE ROBERT WALKER said that the Conven-tion in articles 7 to 12A established

counterclaim in article 11 was limited to a claim against the original planniff. That was correct. and in line with authority in Republic of Liberia v Gulf Oceanic Inc ([1985] 1 Lloyd's Rep 439). Apart from that issue Mr Justice Langley had considered three questions under article 11:

Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Ltd v Kate Shipping Co Ltd (1990) I WLR 115) and The Maciej Rataj I Was article II limited to insurers (1995) 1 Lloyd's Rep 302). The judge was also right on the third point. He rejected the sub-2 Did the right of Baltic as the mission that policy-holders, insureds and beneficiaries was an defendant insurer to counterclaim extend to joinder of Mr Desmond and Mr Giblin as co-defendants

exhaustive list of those able to take advantage of article 11. Those words elaborated rather than qualified the word "defendant". It mattered not in what

related to insurance. Because Baltic was ure profiled to counterclaim except against the original plaintiff, that point

Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Otton delivered concurring

Greene & MacRae, Cameron Markby Hewitt.

where a payment as compensation for loss of office was held to be

assessable under Schedule E. and

in Hunter v Dewhurst ((1931) 16 TC

605, CAi: both cases relied on by

It would be wrong to suggest that the arguments the other way had no force. The decision and reasoning in Mairs clearly gave

However, the crucial point was

that the fiscal quality of the payment in that case was deter-

mined by the fact that it was a

contractual substitution for a

redundancy payment. A redun-dancy payment was to be regarded as compensation for loss of status or of the employee's stake in his employment and could properly be

perceived as a payment to relieve

The same points could not be

made in respect of a payment in tieu of notice, which was simply part of the agreed machinery for

determining the employee's con-tract of employment.

The distinction between the two

types of payment was a fine one.

more in common with a deferred payment, as in Dale, than with that in Mairs for the purpose of

deciding that it was an emolument

and Mr Giblin were not policy-holders, the insured or beneficapacity the claim was made against the defendant provided it ciaries mean that article 11 did not apply to them? The judge had answered all those questions in the negative. There was no express authority on the question of domicile of

Since the judge was clearly correct on all the points in issue it was not appropriate to refer the points to the European Court of history

Solicitors: LeBoeuf Lamb

Salary in lieu of notice taxable as emolument

EMI a powerful case.

EMI Group Electronics Ltd v MR JUSTICE NEUBERGER said that EMI's senior employees Coldicott (Inspector of Taxes) were employed under contracts providing that the company had the right to make a payment to an Before Mr Justice Neuberger ... Judgment October 22

Notes for brokers

A payment of the equivalent of salary in lieu of notice made by an employer to an employee on ter mination of his employment was

Mr Justice Neuberger so held in a reserved judgment in the Chan-cery Division dismissing an ap-peal by EMI Group Electronics td from a determination of the special commissioners that income rax should have been deducted by the company from payments ma by it to two former senior employ-ees under the terms of their contracts of employment.
Mr Michael Flesch, QC and Mr

Conrad McDonnell for EMI; Mr Launcelot Henderson, QC and Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown.

Aneco Reinsurance Under-

writing Ltd (in liquidation) v

It was highly desirable that means be found of recording, in a form which precluded later dispute, what was said between brokers

and underwriters at the time of

Mr Justice Cresswell so stated in

a reserved judgment in the Commercial Court of the Queen's

Bench Division on August I when allowing Aneco Reinsurance

allowing Aneco Reinsurance Underwriting Ltd's claim for dam-

Johnson and Higgins

presentation of risk.

whether they were "therefrom". that is, were from the relevant

For EMI it was argued that a distinction had to be made beemployee on terminating his employment of the equivalent of tween payments made by employers as an inducement to become salary in lieu of potice.

The question was whether such an employee, for being an em-ployee or for having been an employee, all of which were tax-able, and payments, such as a payment in lieu of notice, for employees whose employments were terminated was taxable under Schedule E in the light of ceasing or having ceased to be an section 19(1) of the Income and because such payments did not provided that tax under Schedule arise from employment rather they arose from the disappearance "shall be charged in respect of any office or employment on emoluments therefrom". If it was of the employment.

The issue could thus be shortly expressed and easily understood but its resolution was not so ple: see per Lord Radcliffe in Hochstrasser v Mayes (1960) AC 376, 391) and Lord Woolf in Mairs v Haughey (1994) 1 AC 303, 320). But in Laidler v Perry (1966) AC 16, 30) Lord Reid had said that

notwithstanding the wealth of authority on the matter and the various glosses on the words of the provision in judicial opinions: "In the end we must always return to the words in the statute and answer the question: Did this profit arise from the employment? The answer will be 'no' if it arose from something else."

After reviewing the authorities the conclusion was that a payment in ticu of nonce was an emolument

First, it was a payment, albeit contingently, due from EMI to the employment. That was clearly

neither a sufficient nor a necessary

consideration, not only as a matter of common sense but also in light of observations in Hochstrasser, in Laidler and in Hunter v Dewhurs (1932) 16 TC 605, HL). It was a factor suggesting that a payment in lieu of notice derived from the employment and was part of the package of benefits which EMI as prospective employer, offered to an employee to induce him to take the

domiciled in contracting states?

parties to the action by Jordan?

3 Did the fact that Mr Desmond

insurers. In New Hampshire Co v

Strabag Bau [1992] I Lloyd's Rep 361, 367) Lord Justice Lloyd had held that an English court had no

turisdiction to hear a claim by an

American insurer against a Ger-man-domiciled insured. The pur-

in lieu of notice arose "from the employer/employee relationship and not ... from something else": see per Lord Oliver of Aylmerton in Bray v Best (1989) 1 WLR 167, 176). The terms on which an

employment contract could be brought to an end were selfevidently an inherent part of the contractual relationship. Third, a payment in lieu of notice was not personal to any

particular employee or dependent on the personal circumstances of the employee. It could not fairly be this was an area of the law where narrow distinctions could make all said to be a payment to relieve the employee against distress, or something akin, as in the difference. In the light of the statutory words and the way in which they Hochstrasser, as explained by Lord Woolf in Mairs (at p321). Fourth, it would seem surprising had been interpreted by the courts

if a payment in lieu of notice, given in lieu of letting the employee earn from EMI, was not taxable given that earnings would have been. Fifth, a payment in iteu of notice was payable in circumstances similar to those in Dale v de Soissons ([1950] 32 TC 118, CA).

from employment. Solicitors: Rowe & Maw; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Council to pay interest on reinstatement costs

Manchester City Council v Halstead

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Ward

[Judgment October 23] A valid claim for interest on compensation paid by a local authority under the compulsory purchase legislation could be made in respect of reinstatement costs paid by the local authority in of the Land Compensation Act

Section 11(1) of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 applied to such a claim to permit payment of interest from the date of entry into possession until the compensation was paid regardless of when reinstatement took place.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments dismissing an appeal by Manchester City Coun-cil from the judgment of Mr Justice Buckley sitting in Manchester District Registry in December 1995 in which he upheld the claim of Mr David Halstead, for the members of the Whalley Range Methodist trustees of the Methodist Church.

The court also rejected the council's defence under the Limitation Act 1980, holding that the church's cause of action accrued at the date that the compensation was agreed and not on earlier dates when the council had made reinstatement payments to cover building costs.

Mr Charles George, QC and Mr Peter Keenan for the council; Mr Andrew Gilbart, QC and Mr Mark Harper for the Methodist

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said that in 1972 the Methodist Church had owned two churches, one in Moss Side district Manchester, the other in Whalley Range, that were included in slum clearance compulsory purchase orders made by Manchester City

Notices of entry were served by the council and entry effected in April 1974. Agreement was reached that a single replacement church would be built at Whalley

Building began in 1980 under a contract between the church and the builders, the council reimbursing the church for sums becoming due under the contract. Thus the council made 23 stage payments. described as "payments on account of compensation payable for the property ... in accordance with rule (5) of section 5" of the Land Compensation Act 1961, between 1980 and 1986 totalling £718,420.

The contract works were com-In November 1985 the parties agreed the final amount of compensation due at £719,320 but due as interest. In May 1990 the plaintiff's writ was issued claiming interest on the sum naid from the date of entry until the date of payment, namely November 6, 1986, but giving credit for each of

the stage payments as and when it was made. The council contended that no made in respect of the sums which the council had paid for reinstatement of the two churches. The pocket in relation to the building costs and there had only been a short period during which it could building. Interest would represent windfall and a breach fundamental principle of equivalence that required an acquiring authority to pay as much as, but no compensate an owner for the loss

of his property.

Section 11(1) of the 1965 Act provided that any compensation agreed "shall carry interest at the rate prescribed ... from the time of entry until compensation is paid.

tion Act 1961 set out the rules for assessing the compensation: rule rule (5), applicable to the present case. "reasonable cost of equivalent reinstatement" in respect of land for which there was no general demand or market and there was a bona fide intention to

For the council it was said that there was no scope for a claim for interest in a rule (5) reinstatement

and the owner of the land was never out of pocket as regards the costs of reinstalement. The situation, it was said, was

different from compensation paid under rule (2): if a claim for interest claimant would receive a windfall benefit in excess of what was necessary to compensate him for his actual loss and the principle of

equivalence was breached. The judge had rejected the council's arguments. He was right to do so They were contrary to the clear words of section 11(1) of the 1965 Act that gave a claimant a right to interest from the date of

entry in a rule (5) case. The church was entitled to the express terms of section 11(1) on the amount of the compensation 1974 and continuing until it was paid. The express words could not

be read as meaning "until reinstatement took place". The council had also raised a limitation defence under section 9(1) of the Limitation Act 1980. Thereby an "action to recover any

sum ... shall not be brought after the expiration of six years from the date on which the cause of action church's cause of action accrued when the amount of compensation

was agreed in November 1985 or, as the council submitted, pro rata when each instalment was paid The statutory right to recover interest did not arise until the amount on which it became due was awarded or agreed. The clear interest would compensate the claimant for non-payment during the intervening period. The agreement as to compensation in

that agreement was reached at some earlier date. The claim was

November 1985 therefore pre-

cluded the council from asserting

Justice Ward agreed. Solicitors: Mrs Susan Orrell, Manchester: Pannone & Pariners,

Taxation appeal is rehearing

Vandersteen v Agius and Another

An appeal on taxation of county court costs from the decision of a district judge to a circuit judge under Order 13, rule 1(10) of the 1678 L20) was a complete rehear-ing. The circuit judge was not obliged to follow the discretion of the district judge.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Staughton and Sir Christopher Slade) so stated on October 16 when dismissing the appeal of decision of Judge Tibber at Edmonton County Court on September 2, 1996 upholding the decision of District Judge Silverman on February 29, 1996 to disallow the whole of the legally aided plaintiff's bill of costs.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that under Order 62, rule 28(5) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, Incorporated into the County Court Rules by

Court Rules, an appeal lay to a judge in chambers from the decision of a taxing master. By Order 58, rule I of the Rules of the Supreme Court such an appeal was an actual rehearing.

Although the circuit judge wrongly regarded himself as obliged to follow the district judge on a point of discretion, his decision should stand. The case was very old and only \$2,000 was





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Rodney Hobson introduces a two-page report on the success of British consultants, who earned £2.4 billion in overseas markets last year

Global demand and record fees for consultants

strong pound, proare potentially tough

times for Britain's consultants. Many will have watched the crash of currencies and stock markets in countries such as Thailand and Malaysia with some trepidation. East Asia and the Pacific brought in fees worth more than £1 billion for members of the British Consultants Bureau (BCB) in its latest financial year to March and South Asia added a further £163 million.

Despite the takeover by China. Hong Kong is still an important source of revenue and a gateway to China so the 25 per cent fall in one week on the Hang Seng Index was bad for the consultants' nerves.

Colin Adams, executive director of the BCB, says: Events in Asia could dent our fee earning, not right now but perhaps in a year's time. Mega projects such as toll roads are edicated on the strength of industry and there is bound to be a downturn unless markets

settle down." The importance of Asia is demonstrated by the fact that 49 firms worked in Malaysia in 1996-97, more than any other country. India, Indonesia and Hong

Kong were in the top seven countries using British consuitants. Fortunately, British consultants have come into these testing times from a position of strength. Fees earned by bu-

reau members in the 1996-97 year soared 19 per cent to a Eritish techniques Consultant of the Year 1937

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fail to find work in just a handful of countries. Last year was no exception: only Haiti, Afghanistan and Francophile Diibouti missed out on British

Last month alone bureau members announced that they had won 72 overseas contracts. They included assessing the safety of heavily used bridges in Bahrain, improving the water supply in Dhaka, monitoring air traffic control in Bulgaria and helping to complete the Nicosia sewage treat-ment scheme, halted when

hostilities broke out in 1974. However, Gill Monaghan, bureau chairman, said in her annual report in September: The competitive environment in which our member companies have operated during the past 12 months has become much keener and has inevitably taken its toll on some

The worry for consultants is that dangers do not surface

'Last month alone bureau members announced that they had won 72 new overseas contracts'

> quickly. For example, the effects of the strong pound have become evident only during the current financial year.

This month Clare Short, the International Development Secretary, decided to abolish programme linking aid and trade that came under fire when it helped UK contractors win the controversial Pergau dam contract in Malaysia.

Contracts take time to be won and longer to be implemented. Rarely does substantial work come out of a single trade mission. Follow-up visits are necessary. Then govern-ments need to find the political will, and institutions such as the World Bank the cash, for the go-ahead to be given.

The bureau has taken up the challenge, firstly by sharpening up its own operations. The BCB's role, previously the vague notion of furthering the

to assisting firms and individprojects worldwide. Second, it is stepping up its lobbying in Westminster and Brussels. Keeping European funded

projects open is crucial.

The bureau is also putting more emphasis on training. especially in helping British consultants to write proposals for contracts. More controversially, this includes training foreign consultants. Mr Adams says: "I think you are far more likely to create partners out of your former pupils than to create rivals." Partnerships could be crucial, since contracts are increasingly being to consortiums. International financial institutions prefer to award work to groups with at least a 40 per

cent local content. Partnerships can also help British consultants to get round the insidious drift towards protectionism in Euro-

projects through an unofficial quota system. Continental consultants, angered at the appearance of two or three British consultants on most shortlists for work within developing countries and counare pressing for a

greater share of the cake, irrespective of merit. One way round the impasse is to launch joint bids with, say. Swedish consultants who occupy a comparatively low rung on the ladder. This arrangement keeps Brussels happy, since it improves the Swedish quota, keeps the Swedes sweet and keeps the British on top of the pile.

Consultants are often criticised by British engineers and manufacturers for remaining impartial in their advice to overseas clients and refusing to push a pro-British line. Mr Adams argues that UK companies could be more alert to the opportunities.

He says: "Often a consultant will go in, make up a specification in English using British measures giving British companies an advantage yet the take-up by British industry is disappointing. There is no



The traditional and colourful life of Yemen is transforming as modern industry attracts workers to the developing entrepreneurial urban areas

Visit offers eastern promise

The Republic of Yemen a trade mission for several years. As a result, the recent British Consultants Bureau (BCB)/Middle East Association visit led by the Duke of Gloucester, the president of the BCB, was very well re-ceived and given enormous publicity.

It was regarded by the Yemenis as the first official royal visit since the Queen visited in 1952, and accorded There are a large number of

xential projects in Yemen for British consultants who, despite major political upheavals, have worked continuously in various parts of the country over the years and are ighly regarded. Aden, the former British

protectorate, though war-ravaged, is still recognisable as the place I knew 33 years ago, but it is being slowly developed, notably as a major container port.

The large Russian presence of the Eighties is now reduced to the Consul, his daughter

Colin Adams on the royal status given to a trip to Yemen by a delegation led by the Duke of Gloucester

and two others. Ta'izz, in the central region of the country, which closely resembles Cyprus in climate and vegetaor price, but because rival tion, is rapidly becoming a international consultants have stronger financial backmajor entrepreneurial centre. However, with mass movement from village to town and large-scale development, it is

The city faces acute shortages of clean water, electrical power and modern effective organisations to manage the country's transition.

Sana, the capital, that

Our seminar and workhops in Sana, which were the World Bank and other funding agencies, highlighted the difficulties British firms now face in many parts of the world. There is a strong wish on the part of developing

nations and the international

funding agencies to use British consultants.

They regularly get short-listed and at times fail the final selection, not on quality

tog from their governments. British consultancy has developed over the years into a much more finely tuned indecompared with others. In the majority of countries, consul tancy tends to be merely a department within manufac turing or contracting comnies, rather than an entity

in its own right. For many years the inde-pendence of British consultancies has tended to be one of its major strengths and this is world.

As the positive BCB statis tics demonstrate, it is this independence, coupled with sionalism and knowhow, that enable our consultants to regularly win projects. However, there is no doubt that the game is becoming harder when so much bilateral financial assistance is made available from elsewhere. In her White Paper on Development, Clare Short, the International Development Secretary, was right to highlight the need for greater coordinated action between the international funding agencies and donor countries to ensure that aid-giving is prop-

orly targeted and appropriate.

ents of aid play one country off against another, or put too much emphasis in one particular aspect or region. As a result. consulting advice, design or management may not be the professional or cost

Much of the potential diffi-culty for British consultants lies in the interpretation, by most countries in the world, of the relationship between aid and trade. Again, the White Paper has done a great deal to clarify the issue, inject a note of realism and highlight the benefits for those involved in aid of working more directly with private business. Aid should be given, justifiably, to

But it would be good if at the same time it engenders goodwill for the donor country and results in increased trade and communication between recipient and donor. The verdict of British con-

sultants on both the government White Paper on Development and the parallel exercise undertaken by the Department of Trade and industry on sharpening up the support and organisation for trade is very positive. The BCB was consulted in depth in the preparation of both

Clearly, after the publica-tion of the White Paper, there was disappointment on the part of the BCB that the aid and trade provision was not retained. There will be some impact on British consultants working internationally, particularly those in infrastructure, but it is the contractors and those in procurement who will be most affected.

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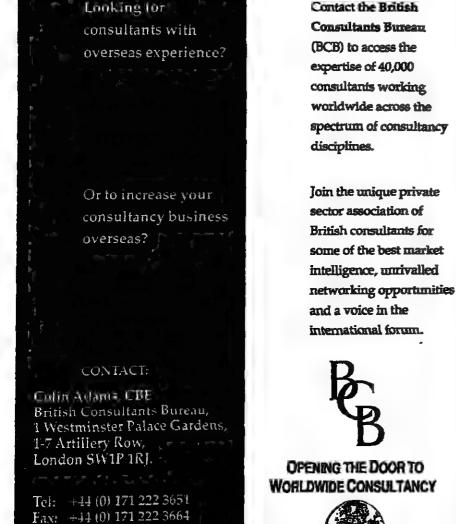




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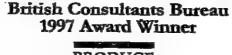
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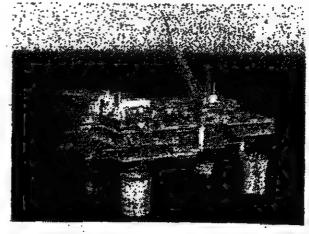
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Sue Spenceley Burch profiles six winners of this year's awards whose expertise has touched the lives of millions throughout the world

The bridge that beats typhoons

Lantan Link — Mott MacDonald: Category A

(tangible visible projects) remarkable road largest of its kind to carry highway and railway traffic — has won the British Consultancy Firm of the Year award for Mott

MacDonald. The Lantau Link provides access from Hong Kong and Kowloon to the former colony's new port and airport on Lantau Island and its two bridges will be the first structures to provide a truly all-

weather crossing, even in the area's typhoon winds. As the Hong Kong Govern-ment's engineer, Mott Mac-Donald has conceived, planned, designed, managed and co-ordinated the £780 million

project in record time. Construction was completed in The two new bridges - the Tsing Ma suspension bridge with a main span of 4,590tt, and Kap Shui Mun cablestayed bridge with a main span of 1,431ft — now link the mainland with Lantau. Each carries a six-lane highway,

twin railway tracks and two emergency road lanes on a sheltered lower level. Mott MacDonald, the multi-disciplinary engineering consultancy, began work late in 1989. Between then and May 1992, when construction began, the firm produced the

design and advised the Hong

Kong highways department

on procurement and prepared the contract documentation. The design was a considerable challenge — Hong Kong experiences very severe tropi-cal storms and winds up to 180mph. The railway's geometrical and operational requirements strongly influenced the layout of Tsing Ma's span, and the air corridor for

the airport restricted lower heights.

The bridge also straddles the deep Ma Wan channel, the only access route for oceangoing ships serving the Pearl River delta in China. A long span bridge, rather than tun-

hris Davis, Mott MacDonald's director in charge of longspan bridges, says: "Our solution was an extreme ly compact steel two-level deck with stainless steel aerodynamic fairings — the first of its kind to combine streamlining to minimise drag, and venting

The Hong Kong Government also set high standards for the comfort of train passengers, which required equally innovative track design to

China and Australia. The speed of construction stimulated some remarkable engineering. The Tsing Ma deck units

for example, were five times heavier than any lifted before. Using a totally new approach to strand jacking - a technique which uses four jacks attached to the bridge's suspension cables of the bridge — Anglo Japanese Construction, a consortium of UK companies Kvaerner and Costain, and the Japanese firm Mitsui, broke records

when they lifted the 1.000tondeck units into place. Mr Davis said: "The Lantau Link has created a spectacular gateway to the new airport and provided a landmark for Hong Kong's people to take

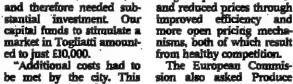
pride in — a powerful symbol for the future".

visible projects) TOGLIATTI, around 500 miles southeast of Moscow, is a city of one million people, best known for producing the Lada car. Like many cities in the former

Soviet Union, until recently it had no efficient food distribution system. The demise of communism brought about the dismantling of state-con-trolled food production, distribution and retailing systems throughout the

One of the main problems was the need for capital investment - often as much as \$25 (£1.5 million). Like most Russian cities, Togliat-

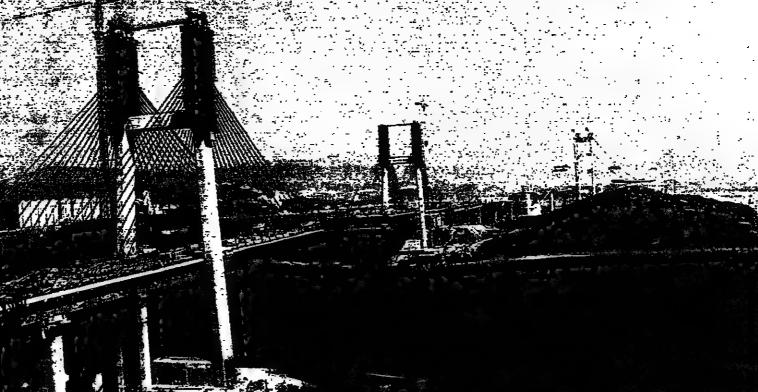
In 1994 the European Commission asked Produce Studies of Newbury, Berkshire, to look at the problem. Divisional director Peter Killick explains: "There was a misconception that whole-sale markets had to be large



The Togliatti market

meant we were forced to deliver all the benefits of a traditional wholesale market for no more than the cost of a family car."

Produce Studies looked at



Kap Shui Mun Bridge under construction: the world's biggest road and rail link provides a spectacular gateway to Hong Kong's new airport Land Management, Poland Liewelyn-Davies:

Category B (organisational or non-visual) UNDER communist rule, those who worked in the planning departments of Polish municipalities knew

where they were. The State dictated what was built and that was that. In the free-market economy unexpected challenges arose. The wishes of private developers, keen to replace Poland's dated and unsuitable mass-produced hous-

ing, now needed balancing with the community's demo-

In 1992 the British Gov-

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cratic rights.

CONSULTANCY

OF THE YEAR ernment's Know How Fund, which helps former communist countries of Eastern Europe in the move to de-

mocracy, recruited Llewelyn-Davies, a British consultancy, to introduce the planning systems used here. David Walton, its managing director, says: "Our approach was to show how planners in the West work.

be measured. It had to be

In rural areas farmers

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standards against which developers' applications could

who once grew what the state dictated can now choose what they grow.

There is also potential for a tourist industry. Farmers can provide holiday accommodation and local authorities can turn natural resources such as a lake or skiing area into tourist

destinations. Llewelyn-Davies's first step was to produce a good manual and then set up a nationwide training course for local authority land man-

been trained

months."

agement professionals and and how to put in place local politicians. Within two years more than 900 local government staff and politicians had

The area was under mili-

tary occupation until May

1994, but clashes continued.

Every time, the Gaza Strip

would be sealed off by the

people would be stranded," Mr Morrison says.

Israelis and material

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David Wilson of Solid Waste Management: Category B (organisational

aste management will never win any bouquets for giam our, but for more than 20

on a mission to clean up. Dr Wilson's work will keep him busy for the rest of his life. A director of Environment Resources Management, he is one of the world's most re

years David Wilson has been

spected experts in his field.
"When I graduated from Oxford, I wanted to do something to help the environment," he says. "In the early Seventies waste was 'out of sight out of mind' and open dumping was common. To become involved in the planning and science of waste

management was really at the cutting edge."

He specialises in develop ing strategies for municipal, industrial and hazardous

waste management, and in designing disposal facilities. He has completed a strategic masterplan for Madras, ow also known as Chennai, to improve waste disposal of household and industrial



Dr Wilson: cutting edge

collection in sium areas, by using the community to run the scheme, and for reducing didn't have a phone for eight waste by turning organic ma terial into compost.

A pian such as this often means considering far wider issues. The Madras plan includes a strategy to protect the livelihoods of pickers, who search the dump for reusable items to sell. One solution is to incorporate their work into

official recycling schemes. Dr Wilson is also developing a solid waste management plan in Sri Lanka and systems for controlling hazardous

The hospital's water supwaste in Russia and Vietnam. He is writing the official World Bank handbook on authorities and planners in low-income countries.

The scope of his work is breathtaking, from policy development to high-tech treatment facilities to thinking up alternatives for people who earn their livelihood out of

scavenging garbage. His main aim, he says, is to make local people self-nufficient.



Togliatti - Produce Studies Ltd: Category A (tangible,

country. Attempts by Western governments and aid agencies to fill the gap

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Tequila: a taste of Mexico

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This enabled the Togliatti

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120 private traders, with

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supplies more than 50 per cent of the city's food, has

significantly increased the

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Killick.

A drink can now be called accept all the EU's definitions of spirits produced in

seen in EU countries. "Mexico is also influential in Latin America and could set a precedent for similar

Co-partnership: Category A (tangible, visible project) BUILDING a hospital from scratch in three years would be a formidable enough

challenge in Europe — but to do it in the Gaza Strip is remarkable. But that is what Architects Co-partnership, International, have done. Pip Morrison was design

team project manager, a role that has won him a Consultant of the Year Award. "In 1991 UNRWA, the United Agency for Palestine Refugees, identified a shortage of 1,000 hospital beds in the Gaza Strip," he says. "We won the tender to design a 232-bed hospital, funded by the World Bank, but then the Gulf War broke out. The World Bank withdrew, but luckily the European Com-mission stepped in."

Work started in November 1993. "The area was under Israeli occupation and there were strikes, curfews and clashes. A lot of people were getting shot," Mr Morrison says. "We

The construction provided work in a region with 60 per cent unemployment. Anything that could be made locally was.

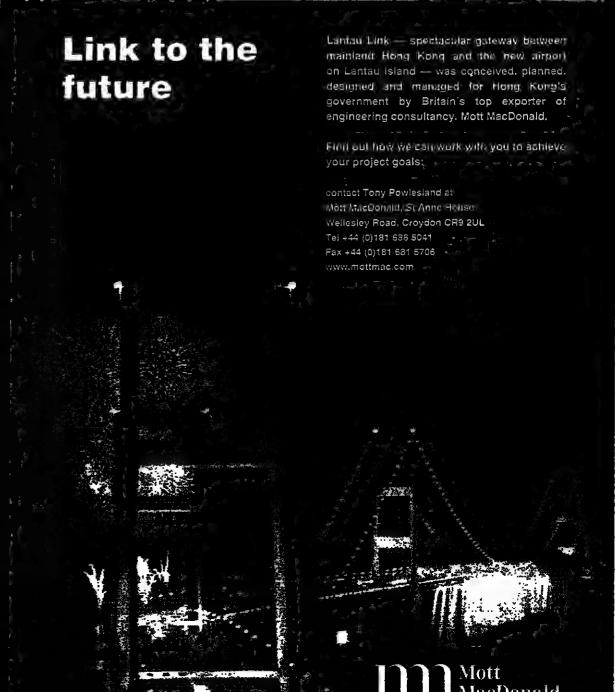
The finished hospital

ply now travels over three miles and a generator probuilding work was completed in 1996. "it's such an achievement it's so beautiful." Mr Morrison says. "People who visit really like the architectural treatment. It's basically a British-standard hospital,

adapted to fit the climate

and relating in some degree

to regional architecture.



to enhance stability."

minimise noise and vibration. Once construction began, Mort MacDonald's role shifted to contract management and site supervision, and overseeing component manufacture in Britain, Dubai, Japan,

Teguila — Euro PA Associates: Category B (organisational or

LIKE many successful consumer products, tequila has, in the past, fallen victim to counterfeiters. Now, with the help of Euro PA Associates - an international agri-food and drink consultancy -agreement has been reached between Mexico and the European Union to protect the name.

Tequila originated from a Mexican Indian drink made by fermenting bhie agave, a cactus-like plant. In the 16th century, Spanish soldiers introduced distillation, and production of the spirit began in the district of Tequila. Today about 40 distilleries produce 66.5 million litres of tequila a year and provide 25,000 jobs.

EÙ legislation recognises certain spirit drinks as being

inextricably linked to the place where they are made — Scotch whisky for example. If it is not made in Scotland. it can be called whisky but it Now tequila will be pro-

PA succeeded in getting the new agreement approved by the Council of Ministers in May this year. tequila only if it has been produced in Tequila in Mexico. In return, Mexico will

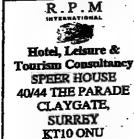
> Europe. John Strak, director of Euro PA, says: "Mexico imports around \$75 million of spirits from the EU each year. The Mexican economy is growing vigorously, so Mexico could soon attain the level of spirit consumption

agreements on spirits among other countries."

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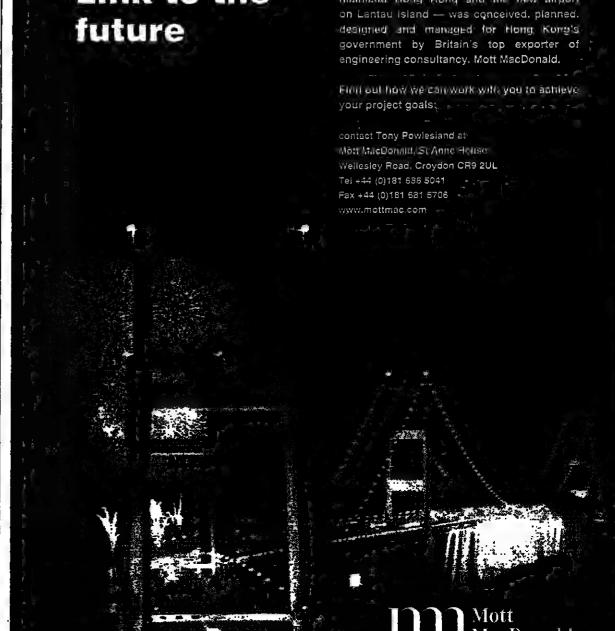
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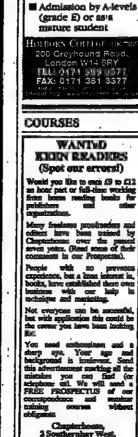
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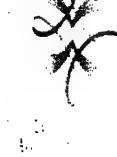
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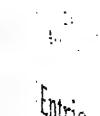
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Football war kicks off

come one of the most bitter issues in schools' sport was approved almost unanimously and with little publicity this week by the Football Association Council.

Pupils across England are now in the middle of a tug-of-war between the Football Association and professional clubs on one side and many teachers and officials on the other. The rivals are struggling for dominance in the development of youth football. The question is: are boys better served by playing in school and regional teams or in the academies that are to be set up at professional clubs? Not only the future of the national game

is at stake, but also the technical ability of generations of youngsters.
Watching with interest is the physical education professing, which sees the e

Chris Laws, the president of the Physical Education Association (PEA). describes the dispute as "the most contentious issue in relations between PE and sport in recent years". The plans, which were passed this week by the 90-Strong council with only two members opposed, were drawn up by Howard Wilkinson, the FA's technical director, and published as part of the Charter for

However, his plans have been criticised by the English Schools' Football Associ-ation (ESFA), which sees them as an erosion of its traditional role of being able to pick the best players for representative English schools are crying foul at this week's

attempt by the FA to cream off the best young players in the country, says John Goodbody

Wilkinson's

plans have

been criticised

sides, both at regional and national level. The FA is adamant. The professional clubs will in future oversee the development of players from eight to 21, while the Premiership will organise its own youth league between the academies with a maximum of 30 matches a season. The clubs will provide expert coaching and more training but fewer

competitive matches, although matches will be of a much higher standard. The FA will also be responsible cinding the national under-15 side. for all England teams, in-Sue Campbell, the respected chief executive of

the National Youth Trust.

by teachers' sees much wisdom in the FA's charter. She says: "Talented young people in competed, although not necessarily overtrained. Everyone wants to grab a bit of the action of talented youngsters on the way up, so they play too much. Teachers and officials want their school and

representative teams to win and so naturally they pick them. She believes that, as a result, outstanding youngsters too rarely take part in

matches or competitions where the opposition is sufficiently testing for their standard. Dr Campbell would like to see

them playing fewer matches or events, but

in competitions of a higher standard. Alan Heads, the ESFA chairman. accepts some of the features of the charter. such as encouraging youngsters to play football, but opposes the proposed policy of boys playing for academies and seldom for their schools, let 'Howard

alone their districts. "Educationally and socially that is a non-starter," he says. Mr Heads, who teaches geography at Monkseaton High School, Whitley Bay, said that his ESFA colleagues are suspicious

about the motives of the

professional clubs. "It is interested in the evaluation of future stars, rather than the development of the individuals. Of all the thousands of boys who will play for the academies, how many will become professionals? Only a

small percentage." He points out that those youngsters who fail to make the grade in the academies will suffer from feelings of rejection when they return to regular schools' football.

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Mr Laws sums up how polarised the argument has become. "To hear some people talk, you would think that the FA has gone back to child slavery and shoving youngsters up chimneys." He approves the recommendation that professional clubs should have an education welfare officer to supply the sort of moral and psychological support for boys that schools provide now.

Mr Wilkinson emphasises that the plans for the academies will affect only the elite I per cent at the 13,000 schools which play football. The remainder will take part in schools' tournaments and because the elite will not usually be available, it will give competitive opportunities for less talented players, who have been deprived of these experiences in the past.

s a PE graduate, former teacher and manager of Leeds United when they won the Premiership. Mr Wilkinson has an unusually catholic background in football and is supported by leading authorities across the country. He accepts that any boy does occasionally be able to represent the school after consultation between boy. parents, head teacher and football club. Mr Wilkinson says that the prime consideration must always be the welfare of the pupil. "The child has certain talents and, whatever his talents are, they should be developed, in conjunction with his

Carol Taylor Fitz-Gibbon on an invaluable report

The plus factor that schools should have

Curriculum and Assessment Authority as it became part of a new quango was to consult schools on a national system for providing "value added" measures to every school.

You could be forgiven for thinking that someone does not want you to read the final report from the Value Added National Project. There was no full reference to it in the consultation document sent to schools and local authorities, and it costs £15 for 130 pages — admirredly in colour. A greater worry is what was left out of the consultation process and what was put in that was no part of the Value Added National Project.
First, let it be noted that the

project was a success and Value Added is here to stay. The system, planned for England from 1998, will be an international first, running through the examination boards and similar bodies at practically no cost. This could be one of the most costeffective and dramatic increases in the flow of educational information recorded: all schools could receive the value added data that thousands of schools

have already opted to buy. The SCAA's consultation document, Value Added Indicators for Schools, was admirable in clarity but contained parts from which we, the contractors on the project, wish to be dissociated. For example, the second sentence read: "Such data is a powerful analytical tool, helping schools to analyse their results and set targets for improvement." This linking of value added with target setting is a source of considerable sadness to those of us on the project. The work was about Value Added and not about target-setting. Value Added scores are

variable from year to year and teachers may simply end up playing a lottery in setting targets. It is true that some studies have shown that people felling trees fell more if higher targets are set, but to achieve that target they simply work faster. Should teachers talk faster perhaps? Education is not such a readily deliverable product as a felled tree. The only reliable strategy will be to try to get rid of pupils who are not making progress, which brings us to another problem.

With exclusion rates rising dramatically, any further incentives to exclude pupils could be disastrous. Society may troubled pupils are excluded in large numbers or shunted into "sink schools". One of the most important recommendations in the final report was that schools should be allowed to exclude some pupils from value added calculations, subject to audit by inspectors. The issue was alluded to in

SCAA's document, but not raised in the

consultation questionnaire. The willingness of some politicians. and some people at SCAA, to impose policies on schools is in strange contrast to their unwillingness to require proper quality assurance procedures from examination boards. At present, scripts can go to known markers, names of candidates and schools are on the scripts and no statistics are provided from the marking process on the extent to which marks were reliable, nor on the impact of syllabus choice on

schools value added scores. The Value Added National Project final report not only summarises the seven technical reports but also has



chapters on: head teachers' views on value added; ways of presenting and using value added data; how a system could be run nationally; the downside of value added systems (forewarned is forearmed); and recommendations, along with several appendices and an illustrated glossary.

. It could be a useful source of information for schools and governors and a resource book for anyone who might teach "Value Added", particularly as part of the new national qualifications for head teachers.

● The Value Added National Project Final Report (SCAA reference: COM/97/844) is available from SCAA Publications (D)81-867 3299) along with three Technical Reports for

ports for primary schools.

• Professor Carol Taylor Fitz-Gibbon is author of the final report arising from the two-year Value Added National Project, commissioned by SCAA and undertaken by the Curriculum. Evaluation and Manage-ment (CEM) Centre. University of Durham.

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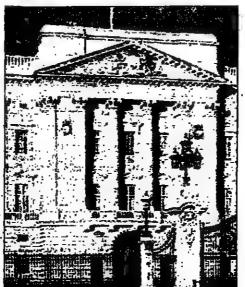
"They betoken

and intellectual life of the nation." Winners last year, the second round of the competition, were recognised for initiatives ranging from unearthing the Roman past to providing training courses

The University of Birmingham won praise for its "outstanding" Wroxeter Project, the exploration of the Ancient Roman city of Viroconium, beneath the Shropshire fields. "Almost as large as Pompeii, Viroconium is being patiently explored and one day it will

David Charter reports on the next round of the

Queen's Anniversary Prizes



Buckingham Palace: a date for winners

be as visible as Hadrian's Wall," the judges said.

Viroconium is being studied by multidisciplinary teams that bridge the old most between the arts and the sciences. The very large site has become an open-air laboratory where many new technological advances can be tested. The contribution of hundreds of amateur archaeologists, including schoolchildren, has been welcomed and

systematically used."
Sheffield College honoured for its "pioneering" Braille skills qualification for both sighted and blind students. "It has developed a unique course that makes academic discipline in its own right and which makes it possible to export the college's Braille expertise to other insti-

tutions," the judges

said.

Another winner was Liverpool Hope College for its La-dakh Project For the past ten years, college tutors have provided workshops on educational pracand science in three villages of Tibetan refugees in India, which have helped 900 people. The judges said:

"Demonstrably high standards of teacher education have been achieved. The individuals working in the project. Tibetan and British, have learnt what can be achieved by groups of like-minded

people with a shared goal. It is an experience that enriches the educational systems in which each of them works."

The University of Hull won recognition for its "unique and world-class" combination of academic study with professional practice in social work. It has the only social work agency in the world formed by and attached directly to a higher education

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Meet Auntie's continuity man

As the BBC celebrates its 75th anniversary, its Chairman aims to retain the original notion of public interest while preparing for the digital age. By Raymond Snoddy

studio in London's Savoy Hill. Sir Christopher Bland, the corpo-

ration's present Chairman, believes it was not inevitable that the BBC should have survived for so long. and prospered. Sir Christopher, an Ulsterman, notes with sardonic humour that when the BBC tried to launch radio in Northern Ireland, the local tradesmen would not accept cheques from the BBC on the ground that it was not expected to be around for long.

As he sits on a teak garden sofa in

his Broadcasting House office, amid decor that would have surprised his stern predecessor John (later Lord) Reith, Sir Christopher notes some important parallels between what the BBC did then and what it is doing now to try to the world of digi-

tal television. "You couldn't have forecast that huge enthusiasm for radio. It was Lord Reith's vision in programand ming Marconi's in tech-

nical terms. There was no obvious demand for it," he says.

He hardly needs to explain it is a key justification for the array of new ventures announced by the BBC last week that just happened to coincide with the anniversary celebrations. The flurry of activity ranges from the launch of three subscription channels under the UK TV banner for cable and satellite in a joint venture with Flextech to an expansion of what the BBC calls "the third broadcasting service", its Internet news service and Sunday News 24, the round-the-clock television news service. News 24, now carried on cable, will be part of the BBC's offering on digital terrestial television, which launches next

Sir Christopher - who in the first 18 months of his five-year term as Chairman has presided over perhaps the most dramatic period of change in the BBC's history accepts that the new offerings are out of kilter with present audience requirements. "It is aimed at the way we believe the broadcasting

market is developing," he says.
"It would be foolish to say we have no doubts. If, in 10 years' time, there is a tiny audience for 24-hour television news, if the penetration of PCs in the UK market and the use of the Internet is tiny, we will have made a bad bet." adds Sir Christopher, who added many millions to his wealth as the Chairman of London Weekend Television before being ousted by Granada in a hostile takeover. He feels that, whatever happens, "we

won't have bet the farm". Not the farm, perhaps, but certainly the odd pasture. Investment in all things digital at the BBC
— including installing the latest

oday the BBC celebrates the 75th anniversary of the launch of its first daily radio broadcasts from a digital editing systems, which in turn should generate savings — could reach 9 to 10 per cent of the £1.9 billion licence fee each year for five years — or a gross figure approaching £1 billion.

"If you don't spend money on new services, you spend it on existing services, and that is where the pinch comes" - which will seem a truism to programme editors who have been asked to cut their budgets by 30 per cent over five years to help to pay for the new

"You can't help feeling a sense of continuity," says Sir Christopher. Across the 75 years, and almost unimaginable change in communications, what has survived, he says. is "the notion of a public interest", the idea that broadcasting should be about more than just money and entertainment. The BBC, Sir Christopher be

better than it had any right to forecast 10 or even five viewing has been rising against ITV for the past four years and BBC radio heads held

on to a rough half-share of listening despite a proliferation of commercial stations. In Sir Christopher's view, some of the programming over the past six months has been as strong as anything the BBC has ever done.

Ask what he has in mind and Sir Christopher immediately says Provos. the documentary series on the Provisional IRA. "I was proud of Provos. It explained things in a way that even i, who should know more about Northern Ireland than the average viewer, didn't know or understand. The explanation and analysis led you to understand why the Provos have endured for so long," says the former second lieutenant in the 5th Royal Inniskil-

ling Dragoon Guards.
His other choices are the new series of Men Behaving Badly, I'm Alan Partridge and The Rugby. Jamming in Jamaica is among his radio favourites.

ir Christopher owes his present position to a slightly eccentric and temporary career as a local politician. He stood for the Conservatives in Lewisham, South London, in 1967 to make up the numbers, and was probably the only candidiate in local government history to demand a recount when he won. He never stood again, but in the meantime Christopher Chataway appointed him Chairman of the Inner London Education Committee, which led to an appointment as deputy Chairman of the Independent Television Authority, the pre-decessor of the Independent Television Commission, and on to commercial television and, finally, the chairmanship of the BBC.

In that role, he has certainly made a break with the past. The



Sir Christopher Bland, BBC Chairman: "You couldn't have forecast the huge enthusiasm for radio. There was no obvious demand for it"

current joke doing the rounds at the BBC asks what the difference is between Sir Christopher and his predecessor, Marmaduke Hussey. Asnwer? Marmaduke Hussey never spoke to his Director-General, John Birt. Sir Christopher speaks to no one else. There is some truth is the first part of the joke. By the end of his chairmanship Mr

(now Lord) Hussey was barely

speaking to Mr Birt, mainly because he had been given no early

warning about the Panorama interview with Diana, Princess of Wales. Sir Christoper smiles at the joke but says it isn't true. What is true is that He and Mr Birt have a strong relationship from their days together at LWT, where Mr Birt was director of programmes.

Sir Christopher says that whenever he goes to BBC Bristol or Birmingham he makes a point of having breakfast with 15 or 20 people under 35. "I wouldn't meet

them otherwise, and a remakable and stimulating lot they are. It makes you think the BBC has still

got what it takes." He insists that the governors — a supervisory board of non-executives in the continental European sense - have been fully briefed and consulted on the BBC's controversial moves, and that the issue of paying for new ventures such as the internet news service and News 24 out of the licence fee when most

licence fee payers could not see the result was discussed at length.

Controversy still rages, however, over some things Sir Christopher and his governors have approved. Many staff complain privately that the decision to split the commissioning of programmes from their production is creating two compet-

ing bureaucracies.
It is the right structure for the BBC and it is settling down pretty

believes the reorganisation is essential in order to maintain savings which have been running at £100 million a year. He also defends the continuing use of management consultants, something that irritates many BBC staff. 'Speaking as a former consul-

tant, I have always been very reluctant to use them. I start from the point 'If in doubt, do it yourself," he says, adding that he is happy with the corporation's use of consultants - although he will not reveal how much a year is being spent on them; the figure is believed to be around £9 million.

The most recent pressure point at the BBC came in September, over a reorganisation of news and current affairs programmes such as Today that seemed to threaten the autonomy of programme editors and, with

it, the programmes' distinctiveness. When he found out in detail what was happening. Sir Christopher intervened. Where we failed was In identifying the extent to which it would become a matter of passionate concern to those people working within the function."

But as he celebrates the BBC's 75th anniversary, Sir Christopher believes it is time to go on the offensive in defence of the BBC and the licence fee, which he believes, enables the production of unique programmes. At £91.50 a year, he els it is a real bargain compared with more than £300 a year for cable and satellite.

he contrast between what the BBC makes and what its commercial competitors make will increase, not decrease. So in 25 years' time I think we will have a BBC funded by licence fees that people do not begrudge. We are nearing that point already -people are critical, but not grudgng." Another aim is to persuade present Government, when it next reviews the licence fee system in about three years' time, that not only should the licence fee continue, but that the BBC should be properly funded", a phrase that implies a licence fee not linked to the retail price index - though Sir Christopher will not quite commit himself to such a goal yet, at least in

As he contempletes the intensely political business of being the BBC's Chairman, Sir Christopher be rows and controversy over the corporation: - Indeed, he - told - the ireland Fund, a charitable body, earlier this week that he saw similar problems in governing Ireland and running the corporation. As he looks to the digital, future and the 100th anniversary of 🕏 the BBC, he wrote a poem about a mythical BBC past - based on the poet Walter Savage Landor's view of a halcyon period in Irish history.

SPERTISE CALL

Auntie never was contented? Say you so? You are demented Auntie was contented when MacNeice and Dylan used

the pen And Shaw advised on how to say The trickier words like Paraguay When men in black ties read: the news

To listeners with Reithian views And every home could only see The one, the wondrous BBC.

It is all a far cry from a BBC having to compete in a 200 channel digital television broadcasting enviwell," says Sir Christopher, who ronment from next year.

■ KIRSTY YOUNG, the 28year-old anchorwoman at Channel 5, has become the new standard for news presenters. But she now has a challenger: BBC News 24's Sarah Montague — also blonde, youngish (32) and serious - has been given the regular breakfast slot. How long before she's reading The Nine O'Clock News?

■ WHICH media conference will Tony Blair open? There are competing bids from two big bashes for his presence. but 10 Downing Street is maintaining strict silence on World Summit on Television for Children has asked the Prime Minister to be the key speaker at its meeting for 1,000 delegates in London in March. But so has the unappetisingly named Euro-pean Audio & Visual conference, being held in Birmingham in April, as the centrepiece of Britain's term in the EU presidency. Given Mr Blair's image as a caring family man, children's TV may have the edge. But Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission. is giving the keynote speech at Birmingham. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport is praying that diplomacy may yet prevail.

■ MYSTIC MEG is off for a break as Peter Salmon, new Controller of BBC1, orders a complete rethink of National Lottery coverage. He's asked the TV producers behind real people shows - Changing Rooms, The Driving School - for a big idea to boost the ratings. Lottery millionaires decorating their new man-

Is Young about to become old news at Channel 5?

light entertainment department in charge of the lottery rogramme has hit the roof. But it has its own challenge devising a new scratchcard new year. This is risky territory. ITV was bowled out of bidding for the contract three years ago because Lady Luck, not the broadcaster, will dictate who plays before millions on the night. The new instants will give punters three options. Scratch in the shop; scratch at home during the programme or scratch and win an invitation to the show, as a contestant in a new lottery game for cash prizes. The drawback: you have to play with the hostess, Anthea





A YEAR AGO clubhouses across the Home Counties began buzzing with the news of an amazing subscription offer from The Daily Telegraph - 12 months for just E52. A pound a week, instead of £3.80. It was so generous that tens of thousands of loyal full-price purchasers converted, creating one of the newspaper industry's most memorable marketing own a regular reader, a threemonth supply of 40p vouchers, so I can take the paper for half price. Very kind.



be the follow-up? After much passing from pillar to post, Jeremy Deedes, the manag-ing director of *The Daily Telegraph*. finally took my call. Subscribers are being offered renewals at £2.50 a week, he said, a 150 per cent increase, but a concession nevertheless. I made the inquiry because The Sunday Telegraph has just posted me.

SAM CHISHOLM, who stepped down as chief executive of BSkyB this week, says he intends to stick with his higly rated deputy, David Chance. "We're a double act," he said. In the short term, both men are working, with Michael Grade. on the Millennium Project, the best guarantee of success the Greenwich Dome - Peter Mandelson's initiative could have. In the longer term they plan to go into business together. What did Sam think of the description of him as a

in Mathew

book, Sky High, being serialised in The Guardian "I'm flattered." he said.

BRENDA REID, the top

producer behind Ballykissangel and a key figure in Tony Garnett's (This Life) World Productions, has returned bubbling with outrage from the European Prix Niki festival in Greece, set up to promote the image of women in television. As judge of the fiction jury she is aghast at the stereotypical tripe dominating Europe's screens. "Nine out of 11 drama series featured single mothers, perfectly groomed and slim in Donna Karan, living in immaculate homes, with one perfect child, cared for by a wonderful nanny. They all work in the law, either as top policewomen or lawyers. They don't need husbands. and they have absolutely nothing to do with real life. Prime Suspect has a lot to answer for."

■ AFTER Channel 4's disdainfully reviewed A Dance to the Music of Time (final episode: 25 million viewers) there has been an anguished internal debate about whether it would have won more converts with a second catchup screening during the week. In marked contrast, the BBC's Tom Jones (7.5 million



The first episode of the BBC's Tom Jones drew 7.5 million viewers

Sunday) will be repeated on Wednesdays. Broadcasters know that audiences love a second chance: the problem is cost, With Ashley Hill, Channel 4's scheduler, departing to Channel 5, it is said that a more viewer-friendly public service policy is on the cards.

■ CHANNEL 4 is to devote its Christmas coverage to its own birth, 15 years ago this for the first episode last month. There will be a re-

vived version of Jonathan Ross's The Last Resort but no mention of The Word. Chris Morris to deliver the traditional Channel 4 Christmas message?

CLASSIC FM is changing its schedules next month. ahead of its main rival, Radio 4's revamp next year. It is moving its drive time news back to 6.30pm and starting instead a new hour-long

music programme at 7pm, specifically designed to calm nerves and conquer "road rage". Perhaps Radio 4 producers might need to tune into it. They are said to be hopping mad after James Boyle, the Controller of Radio 4, confirmed who has won commissions for his new accessible schedule starting on April 1. Producers in the regions, especially Bristol, were said to be

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IMES FRIDAY NOVEMBER

us what to think

hen Matthew Parris starts writing his Friday column for The Times on Thursday morning, he knows that it must be exactly 1,480 words long. It must also be opinionated, capture readers' attention in the first two paragraphs, sustain that interest to the last paragraph, and leave them satisfied they have been either instructed, informed, amused or entertained. Other-

wise they may not return next Friday. Parris gives himself five hours for his 1,480 words. "Otherwise I play around and do it to death." Setting that personal deadline is necessary anyway. Once the column is finished, he hastens to the Commons to write his parliamentary sketch - another 580 words which have to be delivered by 5pm.

Simon Jenkins, who writes two columns a week for The Times, works differently. He will be in his office today by Sam, write until lunch and spend the afternoon polishing his copy. At 6pm he will deliver 1,450 words

Columnists such as Parris and Jenkins are the stars of British jour-nalism. They are wooed and

same tender loving care that is lavished by Premiership managers on an Alan Shearer or Teddy Sheringham.

A tribute to the skill of this journalistic art form is paid this month in The Penguin Book of Columnists. The nightmare for all anthologists is the complaint from critics about the writers they have rejected. Its editor, Christopher Silvester, admits a bias to American columnists and omits several of the contemporary British columnists he most admires - who include Parris, Craig Brown, Stephen Glover and Robert Harris. Almost all the living British columnists Silvester has included are Ws - Wheen, Watkins, Waterhouse, Waugh and Worsthorne, although Levin, Mount, Bywater and the Frayn of the 1960s also get a look-in.

He includes none of my favourites, who would include The Times's Op-ed columnists as well as Hugo Young, Andrew Marr, Simon Hoggart, Polly Toynbee, Paul Foot and Melanie Phillips. That is because my taste is political and Anglo-centric. Silvester's emphasis is on the history of the column. It is an American genre, he argues, and only in America is it a vocation to be a columnist. The most successsful, such as Art Buchwald and Russell Baker of The New York Times, become millionaires.

That is certainly not true of Britain, where

Jenkins, has published a collection of his columns for The Spectator (To Hell with Picasso, Phoenix). Writing can be more drudgery than pleasure, journalism more degradation than duty, he says in his introduction. But to write a regular column

is one of the great privileges of life.
"Universities are the most overrated institutions of our age." "I find it hard to think of anything, even the Arts Council, which has done more harm to English literature than the Booker Prize," Studying Johnson's technique — often the use of a strikingly provocative senience early on - one sees why Johnson is so readable (even for those who disagree with almost everything he writes). We instantly want to read on.

At the Daily Mail, Richard Littlejohn, the 1996 Columnist of the Year, prefers satire, which he uses to devastating effect. Yesterday, as the C of E considers updating the Lord's Prayer, he decided to

bring Jerusalem up to date: "We will not cease from cant and spite Nor will our banner Meep in our hand

Until our sacred nanny's home In Eng-er-land, Eng-er-land, Eng-er-land, One joy for Littlejohn, he says, is that his

column is cathartic. It stops him wandering

the streets with an Uzi. Jenkins prefers to test common assumptions against the facts: "It is more illuminating in trying to understand an argument if its autithesis is set out as well as its thesis and it is better copy if you don't say the same thing as other columnists."

All columnists admit that they are never off duty. Once today's column is finished, the thought of a subject for the next preys on their mind. For Parris there is an added danger. Once his early years of panic were over, he says, there was the deeper panic of becoming fluent but predictable. "It is the fear of adequacy that begins to grip you."

There is an assured future for journalists who can write opinionated and readable columns. Columnists have waxed on newspapers as the significance of news has waned. Few newspaper readers last Tuesday did not know that Louise Woodward had been freed. So we want to know what to think about the news and turn to the columnist most likely to say what we want to hear - to Libby Purves Lynda Lee Potter, Anne Robinson, Polly Toynbee, Julie Burchill or Joan Smith, all superb practitioners of the art.

Columnists who tell Marriage under the lens

Carol Midgley asks why couples let cameras into their counselling sessions

he majority of people who visit a Relate counsellor agree that the most difficult part is discussing the intimacies of their marriage with a total stranger. Imagine, then, the sort of couple who invite three million strangers to pull up a chair and endure the whole excruciating experience with

Meet Trevor and Tracey, Alan and Mary, Steve and Sandie, Tony and Justine, the stars of a BBC2 documentary, who have agreed not so much to wash their dirty linen in public but to throw in their socks, vests and novelty un-

derpants, too.
Incredibly, these people, at a time of great crisis in their lives, allowed a fly-on-the-wall camera into their Relate counselling sessions to tell the world how monotonous their sex lives have become; how they are often beaten up by their (female) partner; how the sound of their husband eating an apple makes them feel almost homicidal,

In this age of fly-on-the-wall mania, we tend to lack sympathy for people who parade their private selves in front of the camera. The loathsome guests of Paul Watson's The Dinner Party, and Nolene, of Sylvania Waters, became obiects of ridicule. But, smugly. we felt they deserved it for being vain enough to seek 15 minutes of fame.

Breaking Point, however, in which four couples and one single woman are filmed during their Relate sessions, is a different television experience altogether. Unlike many documentaries today, it does not try to create the drama, but lets



In Breaking Point, Trevor and Tracey admit that there has been "no sparkle" to their union since they married

the understated human travedies unfold for themselves via a single camera trained on a sparsely furnished counselling

When we see gormless Trevor and his downtrodden wife admitting there is 'no sparkle" in their 14-year marriage and hasn't been since before the wedding, we don't want to laugh at them, only at our own embarrassment. Trevor's rage when he discovers that Tracey, in her paranoia, has read one of his private letters is cringe-making to watch but more gripping than any episode of EastEnders.

"Real life" television has become our modern-day the-arre. When David Liddiment took over as director of programmes at ITV, it was not the BBC's costume drama or comedy he said he envied but Driving School and Animal Hospital. It took the BBC's documentary crew nearly two

years to persuade Relate and sufficient clients to co-operate with the film — the first time in Peter Gordon, the series its history that Relate has allowed cameras into its sessions. Letters from the BBC were sent out to every newly signed couple inviting them to take part. Of the hundreds sent, about 20 couples replied,

The result was Mags, a newly divorced woman who was treated like an object by her husband; Tony and Justine, a handsome voung couple with a baby who cannot agree to marry; Sandie and Steve, who are both traumatised by their pasts; Alan and Mary, who have three children and have fallen out of love; and Trevor and

five of whom went through

with it to the bitter end.

Tracey. The 40-minute programmes are riveting pieces of television not because they are particularly revelatory but because they mirror millions of typical relationships.

producer, says: "I never know quite what it is that makes people go through with this kind of documentary but there was quite a strong altruistic streak to it. Either one or both of the couples knew of people who had been helped by counselling. I have to say I didn't get any sense that there was an exhibitionist kind of streak.

Clare Paterson, the executive producer, said the idea was to show the process of Relate counselling and how it breaks down barriers. The charity has nearly 4,000 counsellors at 126 centres and a waiting list of desperate

We watch genuine moments of self-realisation as Trevor realises he falls asleep on the couch at night to escape confronting his unhappy marriage and Mags realises she picks fights with her hoy-

"It is easy to make accusations about voyeurism and intrusive cameras but absolutely no one was pressurised into taking part." Ms Paterson said. There is nothing in this series that the clients don't know about. I think they would find it difficult to say why they did it, maybe some thought it would be a lucky

talisman. "Relate wanted us to show how they operate, for us to be there when the solutions emerged, and I think it has worked. I was struck by how moved I was by the problems."

All the clients have ap proved the films, as has Reate. And there is at least one happy ending. Tony and Justine plan to marry next year.

■ Breaking Point, Wednes-days, BBC2, 9.50pm.

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Giles Whittell on the identity crisis at the LA Times

son was acquit-ted of murder, the Los Angeles Times covered the story with 28 articles by 39 reporters, spread over 17 broadsheet pages. The next time American justice went on trial, with the first verdict in the Louise Woodward case, the same newspaper had no one in the courtroom. It recorded the event with one short wire story from Associated Press.

The LA Times is the news behemoth of the West Coast, famous for its huge staff, high moral tone and a habit of ignoring stories of consuming national interest such as the Woodward trial. But it is now under fire for other reasons. With healthy profit margins

and a circulation of more than one million, it is America's fourth-largest daily. (The Wall Street Journal has 1.7 million daily readers, USA Today 1.6 million and The New York Times 1.07 million.) Even so, in barely a month it has taken on a new publisher, a new editor and a controversial plan to boost profits still further and add half a million new readers by giving each of its sections a business manager".

The management changes have gone down well on Wall Street, but more like a lead balloon elsewhere. Since they were announced in early October, the paper has been vari-ously accused of spinelessness, mediocrity and threatening its newsroom's independence. It also faces questions about whether a single newspaper can cover properly the sprawling and diverse city.

The immediate trouble began early last month, when Mark Willes, formerly head of a breakfast-cereal maker, named himself publisher after two years as head of the paper's parent company, the Times Mirror Co, which also



The LA Times has tried to be all things to all people, and failed

owns New York Newsday and the Baltimore Sun. The move followed Willes's firing of 150 journalists last year, and several hints that he regarded the sections of his flagship news-paper as marketable brands, like Cheerios and Wheaties. His Editor, Shelby Coffey III. resigned after eight years on the job, and for a few days was hailed as an honourable journalist who had been driven out by meddling suits.

hen Jill Stewart, a respected former LA Times reporter. struck. "With his gutless detachment from the hard issues facing Los Angeles, the departing Editor of the LA Times turned a paper on the verge of greatness into a morass of mediocrity," she wrote in The New York Times, accusing her old employer of groveiling at the feet of Holly-

wood, ignoring the decline of Los Angeles and prostituting the paper's political content to the city's foolish Old Left".

Her claims, including one that Mr Coffey trimmed his showbiz coverage to please such cronies as actors Warren Beatty and Dustin Hoffman, are just not borne out by the facts", according to Michael Parks, Mr Coffey's successor. But others on the newspaper's 1,100-strong editorial staff admit to a "culture of timidity" dating back to the landmark event of LA's recent history.

the riots of 1992. The LA Times's self-appointed task is daunting. It clings to a role as the national and international voice of California, but its biggest challenge is being a local paper for a megalopolis the size of southern England that comprises 80 separate cities and a hundred nationalities. Appealing to ev-

eryone was never going to be easy, but when the riots erupted, the paper almost blew up, too. Black and Latino report-ers, and the city at large, accused Mr Coffey of ignoring racial tensions in his backyard

until they exploded. These reporters also resented being assigned to most of the paper's frontline coverage of fires and looning in South-Central LA, where Mr Coffey reportedly worried that his white staffers would be at risk. Penitent soul-searching ensued in the executive suites. "We really wanted to

scrutinise the problems, but we were terrified of what we would find," says one senior reporter. "We were very much on tiptoe even before the riots, but they scared the hell out of the whole city."

Separate new sections were rolled out, catering to black and Hispanic Los Angeles.

Political correctness ruled, A style guide was even issued that banned the use of such phrases as "going Dutch" and "welshing on a bet" for fear that the Dutch and the Welsh

might be offended.

The result was a newspaper unmatched earnestness. torn between reporting and doling out "feel-good" lodder such as soft "community pro-files" and a daily list of jokes entitled "laugh lines".

"The paper tries to be all things to all people, but in the process it becomes very little to anyone," a former investigative reporter there declared. "It has no soul."

thers, such as the columnist Richard Reeves, painted an even bleaker picture. The riots revealed that there really is no LA," he wrote, "just areas of unrest, and the LA Times is a symbol, and a victim and a cause of that." Certainly, its efforts to reach out to more ethnic minorities were quickly ac-cused of further "balkanising" both the city and its news - no small irony considering that the paper's founder, Harry Chandler, spent the early years of this century in cahoots with real estate developers, shamelessly promoting the ur-ban sprawl his successors find so hard to cover.

A tradition of reporting excellence still survives at the LA Times, fostered over two decades until the late 1980s by its then publisher, Otis Chandler. Last week a riveting and important 10,000-word piece on a Pennsylvania court case gone awry dominated the front page for two days. But this may not be the kind of story favoured by the suits. Thanks to endless market

research, yet more new sec-tions - laden no doubt, with advertising — aimed at women and Latinos are in the works. With no competition 'except the sun", as one wag put it, Messrs Willes and Parks may yet find their 500,000 new readers.

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hen the plans to revive the fortunes of ITV are revealed in January, there is a better than even chance that the proposals will include the end of the line for News at Ten and plans for the birth of News At Some Other Time.

There is no doubt that the new triumvirate who have taken over at the ITV Network Centre - Richard Eyre, former group man-aging director of Capital Radio, David Liddiment, ex-Granada, and perhaps most significant of all, John Hardie, the marketing director from Procter & Gamble - must come up with something at the end of their

self-proclaimed first 100 days.
It is not just that ITV's viewing share has been dropping these five years — which it has — rather more seriously, its share of

advertising been falling in tandem. Four years ago ITV had about 72 per cent commercial advertising

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with Channel 5 in the field, it is about 65 per cent. The latest unofficial estimates for 1997 show that ITV will take £1.68 billion, a rise of only 1.4 per cent on the year. With Channel 5 pushing for £150 million next year compared with this year's £83 million since its Easter launch - analysts believe that just standing still in real terms could be a onsiderable achievement.

Which will bring the gaze of the ITV bosses to News at Ten. The programme is very lucrative for ITV, and in the London area particularly attracts members of the great and good who tend not to be home early enough for other main news bulletins.

But if News at Ten stays where it is, then it is very difficult to see how radical changes can be made to the ITV schedule, given fixed points such as Coronation Street. The problem is that because of the watershed the present schedule means that two-hour dramas or feature films are inevitably bisected by the national and local news.

When the last bungled attempt, in the spring of 1993, was made to send the removal van round to News at Ten, everybody from John Major and John Smith to Buckingham Palace and the Archbishop of Canterbury got involved. Politicians were naturally against a move because they liked to see the knife-edge votes that add a little drama to their verbose tratie, live on News at Ten. At the time, the shifty fats cats of ITV

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the 1990 Broadcasting Act — the spirit if not precisely the letter. Sir George Russell, then chairman of the Independent Television Commission, was determined to keep News at Ten precisely where it was.

The row was intensified because ITV appeared to be looking at a very early slot and mR Major was among those who was concerned that there would be no real competition to the BBC in mid-evening. It is remarkable how much has changed

in British television in the past six years and just how much competition has intensified.

The ITC has made it clear it is prepared to consider any formal proposals from ITV in an open-minded way. The increasing pressure on ITV ratings and revenues would

clearly be a factor in their minds. The ITC has already been flexible enough to allow Channel 5 to vacate its 8.30pm slot for 7pm and a head-to-head

with Channel 4 News, although the two are aimed at very

liferent audier It is almost as if the stage has been cleared for the ITV companies to propose a very plausible new home for the main evening news bulletin at 8.30pm. There would be intense competition with the BBC and the ITV companies would be able to do some hard selling around an uninterrupted drama or film slot starting at 9.10pm. The BBC, if it wanted to, could even migrate the Nine O'Clock News to 10pm and perform the public service duty of showing our legislators in the division lobbles.

It has to be said, however, that in the age of 24-hour television news the arguments about when the main "flagship" news bulletins are scheduled become increasingly academic. Of far greater worry to news broadcasters everywhere is the fear of losing

touch with the young.

At the annual News World conference of news broadcasters in Berlin last weekend, the most pressing obsessions were about Dlana, Princess of Wales, and Louise Woodward. But the undercurrents were about losing the young. One media consultant said that network TV evening bulletins were on the way to becoming dinosaurs, etched by the retired and elderly.

Already Channel 4 has called for ideas on a fresh approach to Channel 4 News. If ITV moves News at Ten it would also give an opportunity to see whether television news can be made more relevant to the young without trivialising its public purpose

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All that spin makes many feel queasy

The rise and rise of public relations is causing disquiet - especially among journalists, says Carol Midgley

that sinking feeling. At precisely the busiest, most inconvenient point of the day comes the breathless phone call. "Hi there, it's Arabella from the Really Irritating PR Group. Look, we're sending you a press release about this amazing new ad for tinfoil. It's very upbeat and sexy, really innovative use of the camera; quite a departure from their last ad. Is that a

story for you?"
While this may seem an unfair generalisation of our often excellent public relations industry, it does not alas, exaggerate the banality of a great many of the PR calls

made to journalists every day.

Any specialist will tell you that it is not unusual to spend the first hour of the day transferring piles of meaningless press releases from envelopes and into bins. Some are packaged so eleverly that it takes considerably longer than the regulation 15 seconds to establish their worthlessness,

compounding the irritation. The procedure is normally thus: phone call to say that press release is on its way; follow-up call to ask if whether it has arrived; third call to ask whether press release has been read, and fourth, fifth, sixth, etc calls demanding to know if and when the press

release is going to be used. In isolated cases, PRs huri abuse at journalists for not being expert enough to spot the story". (I have seen a grown man hurl a telephone being hounded over a release about diet biscuits for does.).

But as the PR industry gathered for the IPR National Conference in Manchester earlier this month, it had plenty to be pleased about. Recent figures show that betiween 1995 and 1996, the income of the largest 150 PR companies increased by a fifth, to £350 million, while the number of staff employed by mose firms rose by 11.5 per dent, to more than 5,740.

Growing numbers of graduates are opting to follow careers in PR. Tony Blair, meanwhile, has shown how much value he places on media relations by building a large and powerful media-

relations unit to be run from 10 Downing Street. Everywhere we turn, it seems, there are PR officers. Despite the high number of time-wasters, journalists know that for every three bad PRs, there is normally one frighteningly good one. Some journalists are now beginning to express unease about the growing power of PRs and spin-doctors, especially in Vestminster, where anecdotes about the arch-sultans of spin

Peter Mandelson, Charlie Whelan and Alastair Campbell — are legion.

Recently, in a full-page article, the Press Gazette was moved to ask whether PR was now "spinning out of control".

Statesman, remarked: "There

The press was happy to be spun daily by Labour in

is a danger that journalists will be outgumed and out-classed by the PR machines of both private and public sec-tors. A healthy democracy demands that this does not

Opposition'

Unsurprisingly, PR experts have little sympathy for this view. Jon Azrons, managing director of the corporate division at the Communication. Charlie Whelan and the single currency amusing. There is a delicious irony in seeing the press complain about spindoctoring when they were quite happy to be spun on a daily basis by Labour Opposition," he says.

Simon Lewis, president of the Institute of Public Relations, which has 6,000 members, says he does not believe the publicity surrounding Westminster spin-doctors has damaged PR's reputation.

"I take the opposite view. The fact that the Government takes communication so seriously is very good news for us. The phrase spin-doctors is used as a term of criticism by

what it is about. "Spin-doctor is often used as a synonym for being economical with the truth, which is worrying, but we have to make clear that effective PR is

about accountability. "A PR person who acts doesn't last very long anyway. PR people are paid advocates, promoting something they

Kelly Walsh, client services partner for Renegade, a new British advertising and PR group, and former European PR director for Gap, understands the frustrations of journalists. "PRs often don't research things properly. They ring up before finding out what a media correspondent

or education editor does. . . When people are ill-informed and unprofessional it damages our reputation. It must be very frustrating for journalists, especially since editorial teams are much smaller in Britain than in the United States. But they are intelligent people and pretty

An "insidious" new trend identified recently has been for companies to send their PRs to press conferences where the believe they will be criticised The press officers then identify the journalists present and try to pressure them to interview representatives of their

Jonathan Rush, of the Communication Group, which counts Dixons and McDon-The media itself uses public relations, so it can hardly complain. The BBC, for example, when it has an interesting programme coming out, will put out teaser press releases to local radio stations in "Journalists are the biggest

spinners of the lot - every newspaper puts its own spin on things. There are a lot of PR people out there and they are under a lot of pressure to get results. But if you pay peanuts, you get mankeys. Experienced PR people focus on building relations with journalists. won't call journalists if I think I am wasting their time.

"You have to be able to put yourself in their shoes, have a good business sense and a good feel for your client's that PR is showing a healthy growth. We were savaged during the recession but now we are coming back."

Opera House, however, believes the job of the PR is more difficult now. The balance of power has shifted back to the newspapers," he I feel more manipulated by

the newspapers because of the People want the ROH to feed into their idea that it is a selfpreserving oligarchy, answerable to nobody. It is difficult to come through that. News editors don't really want to know if you say 'but let me show you

Eileen Wise, a former journalist who was Norma Major's press officer during the general election campaign and is now director of communications at the National Magazine Company, sympathises with both sides. "PR people,

bad reputation and some of it is deserved," she says. "Many don't check their market they will pitch the same story to the Cambridge Evening News that they pitch to The Sun or The Times without

putting a different slant or style on it. But any journalist who takes things off a plate from a PR is lazy. It is their job to check out information, they shouldn't just take it as gospel Some PR people I know are among the most professional

people around, Sir Tim Bell, during the election campaign, is brilliant. He has a real instinct for the job, and that filters down to his staff.

The reality is that we are living in a media age and I do think that companies need high-quality advice about media relations. There is an adage that people believe what they read in a newspaper or magazine much more than they would an advert, so a good PR department is as important today as an advertising company.

the Channel 5 bunker, he will

■ MEDIA owners and regulators lack a consistent policy towards advertising from charities and pressure groups. This week Pearl & Dean, one of Britain's two big cinema sales houses, declined to accept an anti-fox-hunting cinema commercial from the International Fund for Animal Welfare on the ground that Warner Cinemas thought the ad "too political". Press ads in the same campaign had al-

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ready run in newspapers such as The Times. Of course the fox-hunting ad is political. It features the fox's eye view of a terrifying

chase with hunters and hounds baying for its blood. The ad ends with the line "For pity's sake, ban foxhunting" and an invitation to call your MP ahead of the parliamentary debate on November 28. But why is it banned, when cinema owners allow ads for such obviously political organisations as Shelter to run with impunity?

The answer is that while no cinemagoer would disagree with the notion that homelessness is iniquitous, the estimated 22 per cent of the population in favour of foxhunting are vocilerous and have high spending power.

The ad seeks to turn most consumers' passive dislike of fox-hunting into active writing to their MPs.

It is bizarre that cinemagoers are denied the same rights to make up their own minds that newspaper readers have, not on the ground of taste, but

Stefano Hatfield is Editor of Campaign.



Damian Whitworth assesses Barclaycard's new ad

THE six-and-a-balf year relationship between Rowan Atkinson and Barclaycard is over. Both sides insist that the split was amicable. The credit card company said the series of 17 television commercials in which-Atkinson played a hapless spy were very successful. "But all good things must come to an end," says Atkinson.

But now, a few days later Barclaycard is paign it has lined up to replace its old flame. Paul Parmenter, marketing director of Barclaycard, confesses all: "There was a feeling that the Rowan campaign had run its course," he says.

The new campaign is very different, though again the emphasis is on humour. In the first 40-second advert, another goofy, but this time unrecognisable, chap is seen getting up and preparing to go to work.

During his routine everything that could go wrong in his house does — until the whole edifice comes crashing down and the viewer is told: "Don't put it off, put it on (pause) Barclaycard." The most noticeable dif-

ference with not just the most recent Barclaycard campaign, but all those in

Rowan hands in

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New ad's unknown hero

recent memory, is the absence of a star. First there was Dudley Moore, then Alan Whicker and then Atkinson. Parmenter says that the idea was to do something different from much of the current crop of advertisements. "We didn't rule out using a celebrity, but celebrities are much more common

in advertising today." The company is also try-ing to put a different emphasis on what its product has to offer. While the globe-trotthat the credit card could be used around the world, the Atkinson adverts attempted to highlight the services on offer when things go horribly wrong.

"Cards are used in a much more everyday type of way now," says Parmenter. So an everyday chap is being used to sell a card that will buy users a plumber when a tap mend a roof that slithers into

THE other big difference is that Barciaycard is putting great store by its tag-line. It believes its exhortation not to delay jobs around the house is likely to become a

famous catchphrase.

After hearing it a few dozen times, it may become a common advertising refer-ence point, but initially it feels a little contrived and the advertisement as a whole is less clever than its predecessors. Is it telling us to whack repair bills on to our

The decision to split with Atkinson a year before his contract ran out "was not taken lightly", says Par-menter. Only customers' reactions to the new campaign will tell if it hits Barclaycard ing consumers to the idea

Les boys removed from the black stuff

GUINNESS currently claims a 5.2 per cent share of the total UK beer market, its highest ever. The brewer also believes that its current "black-and-white" advertising campaign (the one with the fish on the bicycle and the old man marrying the young blonde) has given the brand its highest ever level of advertising awareness. Splendid stuff. One might imagine Guinness's agency. Ogilvy & Mather, has been awarded bonuses to the hilt, or at the very least inumdated with extra crates of the black stuff as reward.

But as ever with the adindustry, you'd be wrong. This week Guinness announced a review of its prized £12 million billing advertising account, inviting three agencies to pit themselves against O&M because "part of the Guinness ethos has always been to move on before we have to, and O&M's work "cannot be delivered any further". Which, of course, is nowhere near the

That begins in 1995, when a leak to the marketing press revealed that the maverick commercials director Tony Kaye had filmed an ad featuring two gay men at home in the morning, with one pecking the other on the cheek as he left for work.

It was a gift for the tabloids. There was outrage from traditionalist publicans and share holders all over the media, and Guinness was soon

backtracking. Its then marketing director, Rob MacNevin, issued a carefully worded statement that insisted: "At no time did we set out to make a so-called gay ad, nor will we be screening one." He was right on the second count, but those of us who had the ad turn up on our



men were supposed to be gay, and of course that didn't mean Guinness was targeting the gay community. But the brewer lost its nerve, stunned by the vehemence of the response. Unsurprisingly, the campaign did not recover. However much people noticed and liked the other ads, the

persisted. The threat of review It all goes to prove yet again that the relationship between client and agency is at least as important as the end product. Clearly, looking at the campaign's results and news of the review, it's true not every-thing in black and white



makes sense". It's all a great shame because the gay kiss sent out the kind of positive message the ad industry has consistently shied away from. And it was a damn good

SCEPTICAL media hacks spent the early part of the year being smoothed by what besuspicion that all was not well .came known as the Channel 5 dream team: the chief execudirector, Nick Milligan, the marketing director, David Brook, and the programme director, Dawn Airey. Tired of

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would thoughts turned to who would be the first to go in the event of a flop. Not Mr El-

joined too close to the Easter launch: Mr Milligan would claim he could sell only the programmes he had; the same went for Mr Brook in marketing. No, Dawn Airey was the tmanimous favourite. As it happens, the channel has neither flopped nor been a

huge success (name one pro-gramme) and it is the talented Mr Brook who is off first. He has joined Channel 4 as director of strategy and development, where he will doubtless tell all of us how wonderful Channel 4 is with the same fervour he bought those pesky multicoloured stripes. The only question is whether, now that he is out of



Drink like a fish: Guinness's "black and white" campaign was a big success

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t noon today a sharp-suited West End estate agent will rip open some sealed envelopes, pick up the phone to a venerable shopping magnate and his son in Toronto, and tell them what they are bid for one of the greatest of London theatres. "Hon-- who outbid Andrew Lloyd

est Ed" Mirvish and his son David Webber to acquire the Old Vic for £550,000 in 1982, and spent millions (some say E30 million) refurbishing it and bankrolling its numerous loss-making ventures - will then decide its fate.

The Mirvishes' selling price is said to be a hefty £7.5 million. But they have also declared that they will sell the Vic only to someone prepared to maintain it as a repertory theatre. You don't have to be Mr Price Waterhouse to sense that these two aspirations

may not add up. Consider what has happened at the Vic this year. Sir Peter Hall has mounted an astonishing rep season: 12 plays, great casts, a radical seven-days-a-week schedule, bold new work, attractive ticket prices.

Save Old Vic from the stripper assets

It has galvanised London's theatre scene. The reviews have been positive and attendances good by current standards. But the Mirvishes had asked for a 65 per cent average take on a house of 1,067 seats, and that has not been achieved. The deficit on the season is approaching seven figures. Who will now fork out £7.5 million, and then have the spare change to risk that kind of loss?

Quite a few people, it seems. The interest has been massive," the estate agent tells me. Mind you, the last estate agent to assure me that "the interest has been massive" subsequently took 18 months to sell my house.

Rather ominously, however, the agent says that inquiries have come from "a diverse range of people". That presumably includes the nightclub owner Alan Whitehead, who has announced a wish to turn the theatre that nurtured

into a lap-dancing establishment.

I suppose lap-dancing could be described as a form of "repertory theatre". And perhaps we should not get too sanctimonious about the Vic. After all, for much of the 19th century it was known as a lowbrow dive in which the spectacle of drunken depravity in the auditorium was at least as gripping as the violent melodramas on the stage. Lap-dancing rather pales into insipidity beside that.

But are there no serious bidders? Sir Cameron Mackintosh ruled himself out early on. Lloyd Webber might be tempted to try for the Vic again, but his Really Useful Group — in financial distress recently — may not yet be back in acquisitive mode. Other big West End owners

Stoll Moss, Apollo Leisure, May-

fair - could be in the running. But

RICHARD MORRISON

investment. It is south of the Thames, in a dingy area. The irrepressible Bill Kenwright, Sir Peter Hall's longtime business associate, may be a dark-horse contender, although he would face the same location problem.

The RSC quickly said it was not interested. But back in August The Guardian called for the National Theatre to buy the Vic, its original home. Lord Gowrie, Arts Council chairman, declared himself "very much in favour" of this idea. Could the prompting of these two important institutions be resisted? Sad to say, the answer was yes. The National said a polite "no thanks".

True, the Vic would have provided it with a useful venue to park productions with the potential to run and run. That is what it did with The Wind in the Willows. But again, location is the drawback: if the National has a commercial hit on its hands, it wants to transfer it into the West End proper.

What the National does crave is the Old Vic Annexe: the production workshop round the back which currently houses the Studio, the National's vital "research and my new estate agent friend assures me, could indeed be sold separately. But he points out that there is no guarantee that "17,000 square feet of prime space in Central London" would go to the National.

S o what will happen? In the summer Sir Richard Eyre declared the Vic to be "a theatre that can't be run without a public subsidy". That isn't literally true. The Mirvishes have run it unsubsidised for 15 years, and had some commercial successes: Carmen Jones did two years of good business. Another Mirvishlike benefactor who wants to own a large slice of theatre history could appear. Unfortunately, at present most wealthy arts patrons are already spoken for: supplying the huge "matching funds" needed for London's many big lottery

Is it impossible, though, to release lottery funds to help to buy the Vic. even at this late stage? I can think of few more deserving causes. Yes, the Vic is in the wrong place. But it is the cradle of the modern British theatre, it is a beautiful building, and for the past six months it has again been the jewel in the tiars of theatreland.

To contemplate it being turned into a bump'n'grind club is rather into a bump'n'grind club is rather like imagining a multistorey car park fitted under the dome of St Paul's. What is needed now is time. The Mirvishes, who have done so much to keep the Vic alive, could now do one last act of majestic kindness — by accepting not the highest bid, or indeed any bid at all until those who think that they all, until those who think that they can make the Vic work as a rep theatre have had a chance to rouse their backers.

Meanwhile, our newly embold-Meanwhile, our newly emboutened Culture Secretary should cut through the red tape that seems to stifle any imaginative lottery bid. That might just save one of the world's most enchanting theatres from a fate worse than death.

Rocky horror music show

The blood-spattered images of Hammer horror may be forever defined by Christo-pher Lee and the late Peter Cushing, but to devotees of film scores the bold motifs of James Bernard were just as important to the formula. From the company's first dabblings in vamplres and garlic in the 1950s, Bernard furnished the music for more than 20 films over the next quarter of a century.

Now aged 72, he returns to the realm of the undead on Monday at the London Film Festival, providing the score for a newly restored version of the German silent film, Nosferatu. The screening of F.W. Murnau's Symphonie des Grauens (Symphony of Horrors) marks the latest instalment of Channel 4's silent film restorations, a series which began so triumphantly in 1980 with Abel Gance's "lost" masterpiece. Napoleon.

As with previous Channel 4 iects supervised by the film historian Kevin Brownlow and his collaborator David Gill (who died this year). Bernard's score will receive the full orchestral treatment at the Festival Hall, where it will be played by the English Chamber Orchestra conducted by the gifted composerorchestrator Nic Raine. Raine also conducted the album recording of the score for the Silva Screen label earlier this

The evening will commemorate two anniversaries: Nosferatu is 75 years old this year and, as all connoisseurs of bloodsucking fiction will be aware, Bram Stoker's novel Dracula was published exactly a hundred years ago.

Clive Davis on

the composer

still making a

career out of Dracula at 72

Though the central character in Murnau's film is called Count Orlok, the parallels with the book were so blatant that Stoker's widow sued for compensation. Since the production company — which had not purchased the rights to the novel - was insolvent by this time, the film was ordered to be destroyed. Fortunately for posterity it never was; Max Schreck's eerie portrayal of the gaunt, rat-like vampire survived as a precursor to Bela Lugosi, Christopher Lee and all the other actors who have taken up residence in Count Dracula's

coffin. When it received its premiere in Berlin, Nosferatu was accompanied by an orchestral score by Hans Erdmann. Bernard's new version has been dogged by almost as many legal complications as was the original film. His commission originally came from a video company based in Texas; planning to issue its own restored print, it asked Silva Screen's permission to use extracts from Bernard's Dracula sound-

The request was - understandably enough - turned down. Instead Bernard agreed to write an entirely new work. Working from a cassette in his flat off the King's Road, he

began the laborious job of synchronising themes with timings, only to discover when he had completed the final bars that the Texans seemed to have vanished, leaving no trace except a recorded message at the other end of a telephone line.

Fortunately Brownlow's company, Photoplay, stepped in at this point to adopt the music for its own screening of Nosferatu — the fruits of a coproduction between the Münchner Filmmuseum and the Cineteca del Commune di

t is the culmination of a period of renewed activity by Bernard, who wrote his last Hammer film score in 1974. Feeling that his career had reached a plateau, he then fulfilled a long-held ambition to move to Jamaica. and stayed there for a decade, returning to this country only after the death of his partner.

"I suppose it was a curious thing to have done, to have abandoned my career," he says. "But although I had written some quite lyrical and romantic pieces for other films, once I'd become known as a Hammer composer I think I just felt that I couldn't do anything else. It's like an actor who becomes typecast."

With the growing interest in film music as an art form, Bernard's music has been back in demand. His scores for Hammer productions such as The Devil Rides Out. She and, of course, the various Dracula films have since been recorded by Silva Screen.

Nosferatu caps a decidedly off-beat career. After studying with Herbert Howells at the Royal College of Music, Ber-

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nard worked with Benjamin Britten — whom he had met some years earlier - and ended up copying out the vocal score for Billy Budd during a year spent commuting back and forth to Aideburgh, prior to the opera's premiere. After Britten encouraged

him to strike out on his own. Bernard began composing for the BBC's Third Programme. One of the productions was The Duchess of Maift, whose conductor, John Hollingsworth, also happened to have been appointed musical director at Hammer. When the composer who had been signed up for Hammer's The Quatermass Experiment fell ill. Hollingsworth suggested Bernard as a replacement A fee of £100 set the young

composer off on a new path. For his first three films he was entrusted only with percussion and strings. By the time The Curse of Frankenstein came along in 1957, he was given a full orchestra.

He must also be one of the very few composers to win an Oscar for something other than music. In 1951 he and his friend, the journalist Paul Dehn, devised the story for that tense A-bomb thriller Seven Days To Noon. There was no all-expenses-paid

junketing in Tinseltown; he recalls that their joint Oscars were delivered to them in

London in a cardboard box. The Oscar still stands on Bernard's mantelpiece, testimony to the unexpected twists of a life in film. At one point, filled with youthful ambition, he tried his hand at concert music his output including a song cycle for Peter Pears that was performed at the Wigmore Hall. The Times gave an enthusiastic review, The Daily Telegraph was withering.

isheartened, Bernard realised that his metier lay elsewhere - in theatre music, perhaps. Little did he know that Christopher Lee lay in wait, fangs bared.

People now take so much interest in film music," he says. "You'd be surprised at how many letters I get even now, especially from America. I'm also told that my music particularly appeals to the young. That pleases me immensely, much more so than having a symphony or an overture played once at a Prom and then never performed again."

Nosferato is at the Festival Hall (0171-960 4242) on Monday Nov 17

Down to busyness

THE prospect of not one but two concertos by Peter Maxwell Davies was, to judge by the embarrassing turnout at the Barbican on Tuesday night, too daunting for Royal Philharmonic regulars. They need not have worried: one of the concertos — that for piccolo, first heard last season was dropped from the programme, leaving Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony and Eg-mont Overture to balance lyrical warmth.

ceiving its London premiere. The concerto was written for, and dedicated to, Kathryn Stott, and according to the composer "much of the piano writing is related exactly to how she plays". The rhythmic vivacity and dashing bravura that characterise the work are **NEW MUSIC**

presumably what Davies is referring to here. There are vieter moments too, and Stott lid probably as much as could be done to infuse them with

The overall impression is one of busyness, of scurrying fingerwork and precipitous Davies's Piano Concerto, refiguration - rattled off fearlessly by Stott. But such hyperactivity is not always convincing. I look forward to hearing the work again, and perhaps registering more of the prolific detail with which it

mic detail also loomed large in Davies's handling of the Pastoral. The endlessly repeated patterns that underpin the unfolding harmonic scheme in the first two movements were treated with respect, but it was not enough to counteract the blandness of the reading as a whole, or the imprecision of its execution. The end of the Scherzo passed for nothing, while the thunderstorm was a

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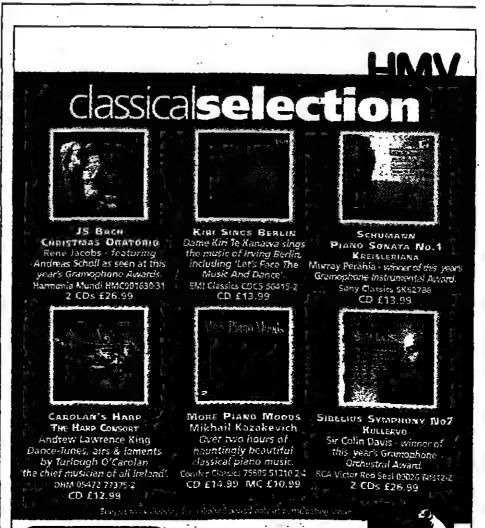
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n the beginning God belches out a large cloud of dry ice. He then invents two actors who wear stretchy sky-blue tops and go by the names of Adam and Lilith. They throw inter-esting body shapes, hang about on rope ladders and share their Eden with a couple of versatile Jewish musicians who play guitar, cello and assorted bits of brass.

Bored to tears by Adam. Lilith stomps off and gives birth to demons, leaving Adam to tend his herbaceous borders. A trio of angels plead with Lilith to come back. She refuses. God takes pity on Adam and invents Eve, an Essex airhead. The rest is all apples, snakes and angels who can't get the fun and respect they think they deserve.

The Besht Tellers are up to their tricks again, this time cleverly embroidering biblical stories and old Jevish myths with little irreverences. The stage, sprinkled with sand and glitter, is full of mirrors and empty picture frames. But it's the rope ladders that get used at every opportunity.

It is a witty rather than subversive spectacle. Two disgruntled angels bored with plucking harps wangle permission to invade the Earth like the Blues Brothers. Needless to say they overstep the mark and one of them, Azazel, ends up in King Solomon's hellish mines.

Angels, we are told, are regular guys who only live



long enough to get the mess-age across. "What does that say about Princess Diana?" asks Simon Thorp's confused angel. That's really as dangerous and modish as it gets.

Wolman's production is a wholemeal slice of ancient storytelling, brought to life by just two actors with a panache that is as easy on the eye as it is on the mind. The best are second-half offerings: a holy man who cannot banish his histful thoughts and finds them articulated by some rude saxophone, and an old Tunisian tale about a haunted house whose furniture is stolen by a greedy old couple.

together with great vocal and physical dexterity. He is a mop-haired version of Withnail and does a wonderful, and doubtless entirely unwitting, vocal impression of Ian McKellen's Richard III. She is a first-class shape-shifter. Their chemistry is highly selfconscious but they produce pleasant, unprovocative bits of

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CHRISTOPHER Snakes and ladders: Emma Cater and Simon Thorp weave together tall tales in Eden

CONCERTS: A people's gala planned by a Princess; atmospheric clouds of gossamer lightness

Mozart with heart



asked on a visit to the Royal Academy of Music why the music of Mozart gave. her particular pleasure, she replied: Because it brings me joy; it brings me peace." Both qualities were in abun-dance at an all-Mozart gala she had helped to plan, in joint aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Music's 175th autiversary. It was presented on Wednesday in the presence of the Queen as a solemn yet robust memorial concert.

The main work was the Requiem. And this was a people's Requiem. excelling not so much in its solo prowess (indeed, Lynne Dawson, Jean Rigby, John Mark Ainsley and Gerald Finley at times sounded tired and tensel as in its corporate strength.

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ione, except in a few passages where the voices are used percussively. Atmosphères, an earlier Ligeti masterpiece, is even more diffuse. It has no

incidental detail, just texture. Massive clusters characterise it for large orchestra, but the music is ethereal, sometimes nothing more than the hint of a distant breeze. Salonen unfolded the piece with masterly control.

Debussy was also preoccupied by the "sound" of clouds, as the Nuages movement in his Nocturnes testifies. This work made the perfect opening to the concert, and indeed playing Ligeti in the context of Debussy is clever programming; while Ligeti remains a complete original, there is no other composer alive more worthy of comparison with the French master. The Philharmonia was at its luminous best in Noctumes, and conjured up the haze of the beginning with finesse

Salonen is a discerning Debussian who loves the music but is never indulgent. He brought much-needed clarity to the early La demoiselle élue. and the soprano Katarina Dalayman and mezzo Alice Coote made the most of its sensuous vocal lines. Ravel's second Daphnis et Chloé suite inspired a superfine performance from Salonen and the orchestra, bringing the concert to a brilliant close.

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The Sinfonia Concertante in E flat was played by the great Russian string players Maxim Vengerov and Yuri Bashmet, who not only had to vie with each other, but also had to share the spotlight with two rare Stradivari from lection. Vengerov took at once to his 1734 "Habeneck" violin; Bashmet had to work rather harder at his "Archinto" viola of 1696, which has a thicker. heavier-voice than his own instrument.

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The mutha of Parliament

ootsy Collins is a survivor of pop's tearaway teenage years, a time in black was more highly valued than a good share dividend. At Monday evening's Music of Black Origin Awards, this frontiersman of funk was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement gong by his altogether more corporate-minded successors.

The award was richly deserved. This, after all, is the man who played bass on such molten-gold moments in soul as James Brown's Sex Machine and played a key part in the hugely influential "P-funk" sound of Funkadelic, Parliament, Bootsy's Rubber Band and other satellite groups of the 1970s. But for Collins it was also a reminder of how the contemporary industry is more monochrome and misguided than the one he entered

some 30 years ago.
"It's way too serious now," he says, peering through his star-shaped mirror shades and taking the weight off his thigh-length gold boots. "I'm just so glad to be the product of my time, because today it would be extra hard for a kid to come up and try to have a groovy thing going on.

Everything is so hardcore: nothing's funny no more. But we can bring some fun to this stiff, straight-up situation. The kids are getting fed so much 'How to be a gangsta' and 'You got to get money. It don't matter how you get it, just get it. Then you get people saying: 'Why are kids like that?' You just look around and you'll see

But the 1970s were not all sweetness and delight for Collins. He took the old saw about the 1960s — that if you remember them, you weren't there - and wodated it a decade. "I remember going

Paul Sexton gets funky with

Bootsy Collins, soul survivor of the 1970s

through the 1970s and I can recall certain events, but not clearly, because we were probably too high," he says. "We were too busy getting stoopid to remember it clearly." But, far from being an addled and grizzled veteran,

Collins today is a model of articulate positivity, as well he might be with a fine new album, Fresh Outta 'P' University, due out on Monday. The record immediately recalls the finest moments of Pfunk, the hedonistic, unhinged, backbone-slipping urban groove he helped to create with George Clinton, Bernie Worrell and other members of the larger-than-life "Partie funkadeliceness" life "Parliafunkadelicment Thang Collins's optimism is espe-

cially commendable when you consider that such seminal records as One Nation Under a Groove, Flashlight and Tear the Roof off the Sucker were kept in the black music ghetto in the 1970s, but have since been appropriated by every-one and his Snoop Doggy Dogg to greater commercial gain. The buzzing, encyclopae-dia-thick basslines, horns aplenty and block party beats crop up on a weekly basis these days in R&B, rap and

"We finally started seeing some royalties, people started calling, and I started doing a lot of work with the rappers." Collins says. They've grabbed us now, we're like accepted

parents. It's a good feeling, because it's bad to be a parent that your kid don't want

"Snoop Doggy Dogg was the one to introduce it to the young generation, and I don't ieel no negativity about what people have done with it. I have to say thanks to that, because they reintroduced what we did to the new audience and that helped to get interest about 'who were those madmen?'. Now, everybody gets a chance to see the DNA of what's happening, and we're part of that DNA."

the new album takes those genetic funk fingerprints and adds new artists and producers with a current cutting edge. The single I'm Leavin' U lates a clever, underplayed motif from Chicago's If You Leave Me Now and a rap by New York rhymer MC Lyte, and the set was by such producers du jour as Mousse T, Boogieman and England's own Norman Cook.

"To get another opportunity to do what I do, and just to be around to do that, is a blessing," Collins says, mindful of the excesses of his younger years. But he cannot stay solemn for long. This, after all, is the man who shocked his first employer, James Brown, by kitting himself out in hot pants and fur boots.

The way it's set up today, the kids don't have any fun. You go to a concert, somebody steps on your feet, you're mad. Somebody pours beer on you. you're mad. At our concerts, all that was legal, that's what we did. That, to me, is really being missed. If that's what the dinosaurs were about. I'd rather be a dinosaur.'

The understatedly elegant Bootsy Collins shows he's still the wheel thing, pop-pickers

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IT IS easy to underestimate Metallica. Their thunderous riffs, snarling mannerisms and scrotum-squeezing black trousers have consigned them in many people's minds to the cartoon heavy-rock ghetto. But Metallica's music is not as susceptible as you might as-sume to the glib dismissals it

Despite its confusing title, Reload is a proper new al-born, not a collection of remixes from last year's Load. On first hearing it sounds like standard-issue heavy metal derived from the Black Sabbath school of warrior-rock with nods to everyone from Led Zeppelin to Wishbone Ash along the way. But there are distinctively venomous under-currents to Bad Seed and Prince Charming, songs freighted with a huge slamming beat and lyrics which trawl some of the murking

depths of the psyche.

And for all of Metallica's minilistic aggression, they continue to display a finely developed ear for melody, parno-ularly on slower numbers such as Low Man's Lyric and The Unforgiven II (a convincing sequel to their hit, The

Unforgiven).
While Metallica have softened since the heyday of their self-titled "black" album of 1991, their purity of vision and commitment to the cause have kept them flying high while rivals — from Guns N' Roses to Pearl Jam — have fallen by the wayside, Reload conforms to the tradition, and complaints about lack of originality or poor taste are destined to fall on deaf ears (literally, one suspects, among those who have seen them play live).

ALABAMA'S Exile on Coldharbour Lane (Elemental/Geffen ELM-40

FROM the deep South of London - Brixton to be precise - comes Alabama 3, a group with seven or so fulltime members that expands to embrace 20 or more DJs, vocalists and dancers when performing live. Their exqui-sitely titled debut, Edle on Coldharbour Lane, is an oddly enchanting mix of blues,

gospel, country and techno. Any band that combines pedal steel, harmonica, Jew's harp, blues samples and a

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drum machine groove with lyrics about religion, drugs and revolutionary politics had better have a sense of humour, and Alabama 3 certainly pass muster in this department. "It's been a while since I saw your ultra-violet smile," Larry Love sings in U Don't Dans 2 Tekno Anymore, a kind of linedance for the rave generation that is typical of this album's wry sense of fun.

VARIOUS ARTISTS Paint it Blue - The Songs of the Rolling Stones (Ruf 1020 £13.49)

TT'S the singer, not the song. Mick Jagger once sang. And while it was a neat idea to recruit various rhythm & blues artists to perform old numbers by the Rolling Stones, very few of the singers inhabit their chosen songs with anything approaching Jagger's force of personality.

Most of the performances

stick closely to the original arrangements, although Junior Wells somehow remodels Satisfaction to accommodate the riff of Smokestack Lightning, Taj Mahal turns Honky Tonk Women into a slow, back-porch country blues and Joe Louis Walker converts Heart of Stone into the full-blooded Memphis soul song it

was always trying to be. Bobby Womack reclaims his own song, It's all Over Now, with predictable aplomb and Lucky Peterson hammers out an impressively high-energy version of Under my Thumb. But my favourite track is John Tumbling Dice, his less recording before he died last recording before he died. Copeland sings this dissipated ode to the good times in an umusually frail voice full of battered emotion.

KHANE MACGOWAN & THE POPES

The Crock Of Gold (ZTT MACG002 E12.99) THE second solo album by

Shane MacGowan is another collection of his faux-Irish drinking songs, knocked out with the same bleary imprecision for which he was once ridiculed but is now increas-

ingly revered. His punk fervour dimmed over the years, but MacGowan retains an ear for a jaunty tune and a rare gift for narrative storytelling. Songs such as Paddy Rolling Stone and St John of Gods intimate relationship between tragedy and farce.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Not so much a rebel yell, more an insult

lastoribury, 1997: in a neon-lit sea of mud. 50,000 people gather to watch the Prodigy. In the year just gone, they have scored two No I singles -Breathe and the awesome Firestarter, which rivals only Smells Like Teen Spirit and 1990s. Their current album, Fat Of The Land, is the third fastest-selling album ever in the UK, behind only Michael Jackson's Bad and U2's Rattle and Hum. Their frontman, Keith Flint, has become a national icon; Select magazine has rendered his likeness onto a free balloon, and Lucozade is running a TV ad campaign around a grandad Keith

lookalike going mental on their fizzy orange stuff. The Prodigy are as integrated into the mainstream as it is possible to be, without being when the only thing either a) a red London bus, b) a they could rebel packet of chips with curry sauce or c) the Spice Girls appearing on the lottery Enders. The Prodigy are the established musical orthodoxy

So when, looking out over an audience of muddy people wearing Prodigy T-shirts (£L5), Prodigy beenie hats (£11) and Prodigy "quality" baseball caps (El2), Maxim Reality hollered "This is dangerous!", one's heart sank. That deluded cry meant that the Prodigy

were going to at-tempt to be subversive" and "rebellious" in a year against was themselves. Which is always rather tricky: It has become

even more embarrassing this week, with the release of the fourth single from their platinum album, the charmingly titled Smack My Bitch Up. The only defence that the Prodigy have been able to



CAITLIN **MORAN**

"works really well phonetically". Well, personally, I've always found that the name Ku Klux Klan is wonderfully alliterative; but it is shied away from usanswer machine messages. Clearly, by using this title, the Prodigy are try-

ing to underline that they're still "hardcore" and "underground", even though they all have mansions in Essex and are turning down work from muster is that the offending Madonna. Sadiy, they proved title is from an Ultramagnetic they're just rather thoughtless 12-year-olds trying to be hard MC's sample and that it

really wanted to be "hard-"underground" and indeed rather subversive, they should have kept the original artwork to the single, which depicted a car wrappedsomething I've around a lamppost. This was removed, and the single de-Diana, Princess of Wales. How very "street", to fear offending the Royal Family and the mawkish worshippers of Diana, but to think insulting battered women is fine and

> The sad truth of the matter is that there can't really be any rebellion from white boy bands any more. These days culture is so fragmented that any rebellious act is likely to annoy, at most, 12 people. This is one of the many tragedies of Smack My Bitch Up - the Prodigy are rebelling against the mainstream (PC 16 to 24-

minority (unreconstructed sexist baboons). The white mainstream cul-

ture that the Prodigy think they're subverting is rather like Jonathan King. Any offence, insult, threat and gibe that can be thrown at it will be as armour. When Jim Morrison sang They've got the guns/but we've got the mum-bers" on the anti-Vietnam tune Five To One - that was genuinely subversive. Twenty years later, his life is made into a film starring the Dettoi-clean Meg Ryan, and you can ge Jim Morrison T-shirts on Ox ford Street for a fiver. Fai accountants wear them or paint-balling weekends. All that white popular culture can hope to do these days is introduce new ideas - and smacking bitches up is as old

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CHARLIE HADEN

The Montreal Tapes with Geri Allen and Paul Motian Verve 537 483-2) IN THE summer of 1989, a

series of eight concerts involv-ing bassist Charlie Haden and assorted long-time collaborators took place in Montreal. This album documents the music of the band involving pianist Geri Allen and drummer Paul Motian, celebrated at the time for its intelligence and subtle strength.

Haden's anthemic earnestness, Motian's tight but adventurous propulsion and Allen's eloquent, cluttered vig-our combine on music of startling originality.

CHRIS PARKER



Dettori plans to reduce rides in fresh approach

FRANKIE DETTORI began the week by switching on the Christmas lights in Regent Street, which august duty had been performed 12 months previously by the Spice Girls - a revealing measure of how the Italian jockey has enchanted the world outside racing. Yesterday, however, a date round the corner in Portman Square plunged him into un-

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characteristic gloom. Dettori, who could teach Father Christmas a thing or two about jollity, instead felt inclined to humbug after the Jockey Club gave him a 21-day ban, one week of which is suspended for six months. Its effects, however, seem certain to endure much longer.

For it prompted him into a soul-searching analysis of where his remarkable career is heading, and a revision of

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Headwind (3.45 Exeter)

Josh Gifford has his string in cracking form and the well-regarded Headwind can contime the good run at Exeter (345). Beaten a short head on his only run less season, the soil ground index will be ideal.

NB: The Flying Doctor (1.50 Cheltenham)

priorities that will almost certainly allow Kieren Fallon a serene defence of his championship next year. Dettori indicated that he will in future sacrifice quantity to quality, preserving the fires that, at 26, are already consuming more of his abundant energies than is comfortable.

Like Richard Dunwoody over jumps, Dettori has tired of the nerve-fraying attrition of the championship, which has proved beyond him. through injury or suspension, for the past two years. "It's hard to find a happy medium. he said. "I'm going to concentrate on my job with Godolphin, the bigger races, and not tear around riding the 1,300 races I did in 1995, and 1,000 in 1996. But nor am I just months long. With the commitments I have in Dubai, and in November and December, you have to pace yourself or you don't get to the end. As they say, I've got the T-shirt. I've been there and done it. I've won the championship, been tearing round the country for almost three years, so I'm planning to be a little bit more selective. This year, I rode in 700 races, and it gave

me some freshness. "My owner pays the bill and expects me to be 100 per cent. I'm not going to ride seven races a day, 14 in summer. It's a precaution against suspension, against getting hurt in smaller races.

These sober reflections were prompted by a ban that requires him to miss the ride on Mons in the Japan Cup on November 23. For the sport's golden boy has been accumulating black marks while working the season's long treadmill, being referred to the disciplinary committee by the Newmarket stewards after a sixth riding offence on October 31. An audience in London is automatic for the next breach after passing a 15-day "trigger", and Dettori had already served 18 days for various misdemeanours before being found guilty of careless riding that day.

He would have bothered riding on the all-weather only to keep fit for Japan, so the committee took the decision to ban him worldwide for a fortnight from November 18, regardless of whether Flat racing is scheduled in Britain. John Maxse, the Jockey Club spokesman, said: "The committee did not want a hollow penalty, where he could have gone abroad to ride most weekends. His plans would

barely have been affected." "I am a little bit disappointed, because I thought it was going to cover only British racing days," Dettori added. "It's been an up and down year. Let's not forget, racing is a very competitive sport. When you go 40 miles an hour, you make a split-second "Now the season is 12. make a slight error."



Irish Stamp attempts to go one better this year in the Sporting Index Chase over Cheltenham's cross-country course

Indian Jockey can continue rise

CHELTENHAM CHANNEL 4

2.25: Skilful placing by his trainer. Martin Pipe, rather disguised the continuing inprovement of Indian Jockey until he proved a revelation when raised in class at Ascot last time. His only defeat in ten starts was over hurdles on his reappearance, and while this tough little horse is now giving weight away, rather than receiving it - he can shrug off a filb higher mark with another bold

Flying Instructor, among the best of a crop of novices of questionable quality last sea-son, tends to need his first outing, while a combination of inexperience and possible lack of fitness counts against Call Equiname, who got jarred up last autumn. Amlah steps out of novice grade. Time Won't Wait does not always find much and Mister Oddy is exposed, if from a stable in form - leaving Ireland's challenger, Perknapp, the mount of Adrian Maguire, as the likeliest

round of jumping in front

ners have question marks over them and they face some interesting recruits. The Proms was a nerve-testing sight at Haydock, while the odds-on favourite fell when Kilmington won at Kempton. Kendal Cavalier stays well, as he showed on his first start



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and should not be ignored in the event of rain. The most prudent choice, however, may be the Irish raider. Coolree Lord, who has been in good form after gaining some experience of fences during the summer. Adrian Maguire is a heartening booking. Yahmi retains it when third at did not seem to relish the hill Tramore in the summer.

3.00: The previous chase win- here when second over hurdles, but the Paul Nichollstrained Strong Chairman, unbeaten in five point-topoints last year, is predictably well regarded.

> 3.35: A hair-raising spectacle. McGregor The Third, winner of the two previous runnings. is denied his chance of a treble after succumbing to "a runny nose" on the eve of the race. Irish Stamp, for one, will not be missing him, having been routed by 18 lengths when second last year. He is an old hand in this type of race, but was perhaps showing gratitude for a return to park fences when a fine second to Bertone at Ascot on his return, Marketplace was tailed off here last year, and a similar fate may befall his Czech travelling companions, but there are possibilities about

the raiders from Ireland. Fiftysevenchannels may not last home over this trip, but Bishops Hall has shown plenty of ability at various stages of his career - and there was evidence that he

tubed son of Sadler's Wells. has picked up the strands of his early promise on the Flat since Martin Pipe acquired him as yet another bargain out of a seller. He has gone up 10th for another easy handicap win at Stratford last time. but his trainer does not believe him done with yet. Either Northern Drums or Tiutchev must have their limitations exposed today, however, and there is every chance that the latter, a spectacular winner at Exeter, is likewise an improved horse for his new connections. Certainly, his jumping looks greatly improved compared to

Exalted's form is as good as his big weight suggests, while at the other end of the scale, Country Minstrel appeared to run well on his reappearance, and may offer a glimmer of value. The only real danger to the two obvious improvers here, however, may be concealed among the Irish dark horses, with Orange Order

the possible pick. CHRIS McGRATH

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3.45 SOUTH WEST RACING CLUB HOVICES CHASE

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4.15 TARKA HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,902: 2m 3f) (8) 11-4 Crimson King, 7-2 Devasor, 5-1 Pate The Passon, 11-2 Seymo Holdisoclase, 8-1 Togics, 12-1 The Minder, 20-1 Rosty Real.

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GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

12.05 ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND HANDICAP

(Div I: £1,944: 7f) (16 runners)

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12.35 CARNATION CLAIMING STAKES

(Div I: £1,944, 6f) (16) IV T. Z., 1944. Oly (10)

1 5000 RAMKSY HOPE 18 (V.D.F) C Famburs 4-9-5 ... L Charmock 3
2 4000 FAMK 30 A Newcombe 3-9-1 J Dobro 7
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5 D- REEN SALLY 412 R Guest 4-9-0 D Bggs 6
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7 OM; BELMONT BUCKMOEN 64.1 J O'Rolly 5-8-11 6 MEDISON (5): 2
8 ESGS 90748 CASCADE 81 (D) B Machinen 3-8-11 F Boyle (7): 16
9 OGGS SUPERAPPANOS 27 5 Bouring 3-6-11 C Teague (3): 15
10 0000 U-NC-HORNY 18 (D) B HOMENSHEED 4-8-11 T Flyinch 9
11 1000 MOH MALESTIC 15 (2): 7) B HOMENSHEED 4-8-11 V HIMIDAY 13
12 ESGS INSERT HARMANN 15 (D, 5): 5 Wilton 4-9 S Windows 11
13 00000 LACHOSS 16 (D, 5): 8x 5 Lampson 4-8-9 P Fressy (3): 8
14 4050 MISCHEVOUS TIME 17 A South 3-8-7 P Fressy (3): 6
15 000 ACCOMMODATY (50): 83 5 Lampson 4-8-0 S Drowne 6
16 SEGO MUMORPAL GRU 39 (D, 6): 8 P Slang 4-8-2 S T Sprake 7
16 SEGO MUMORPAL GRU 39 (D, 6): 8 P Slang 4-8-2 S T Sprake 7
16 TERMON 15 T STANDER 3-1 Hannath's Usher, 5-1 Royal Cascade, 7-7 Fayal, 8-1 Ransay Hape, 10-1 Superappanos, 12-1 Lachesis, Municipal Gall, 14-1 others.

2-T-U: 12,294: 31) (15)

1 000 AMBER REGENT 48 P Hastam 8-9 L Cramoch 13
2 0000 DRBOLA 8 (8) J Wavework 8-9 Darm McKeown 2
3 0300 RED PEPPER 8 P Homing 8-9 5 Whitework 9
5 00 PRECISELY 39 J Wharton 8-6 1 M Tebbet 9
5 00 PRECISELY 39 J Wharton 8-6 F Borton 8
6 0 TE SPEAK 25 W Hagges 8-4 F Lynch 1
7 00 JOULY HARBOUR 18 W Hagges 8-4 Marino Dwyer 7
9 0055 GLASS RIVER 8 P Form 8-3 D Whight 4
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11 LICKETYSPUT N Bycork 8-1 S Drowne 3
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13 5 SUN DANCING 25 J Berry 7-12 ___ 9-4 Attesta, 3-1 Ballasilla, 6-1 Slass River, 8-1 Red Pepper, Sett Dancing, 12-1 Cape Hope, 16-1 Amber Report, The Break, Precious Princess, 25-1 offers

2.15 FARMERS WEEKLY NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £2,856: 7) (11)

2,45 ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND BANDICAP (Div II: £1,944: 71) (16)

3.20 LILY SELLING STAKES

(2-Y-O: £1,999; 1m) (13) 2-Y-U: 27,999: 7m3 (73)

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3 4605 SHARP MOMNCY 13 (1) Mys N Macades 8-11 ... A MeCaniny (7) 1
5 406 WYNBURY FLYER 38 F Marphy 8-11 ... Dean McKecown 11
5 5302 BLIE 2014 13 M Bett 8-6 6 Faultone (8) 10
7 8006 E B TREASURE 32 (1) N Byroth 8-6 Dave O'Neil 2
9 0000 JOLI RLIE 37 I Meanwhite 8-6 Deen (7) 13
30 0054 MARY LOU 13 M Common 8-6 A Clark 12
11 0 Mary LOU 13 M Common 8-6 A Clark 12
11 0 MARY LOU 13 M Common 8-6 A Clark 12
12 03 PRIMARY COLOURS 13 W Hanges 8-6 ... F Lynch 9
13 0 SKYERS A KITE 58 Ron Thempson 8-6 ... V Hallidden 4-1 Blow Zola, 100-30 Prisony Colours, 7-2 Engeru's Sold, 8-1 Many Lou 9-1 2-1 Blow Zola, 100-30 Prissary Colours, 7-2 Esqueror's Gold, 8-1 Mary Lou. 9-1 Escap Marriery, 10-1 E B Treasare. 12-1 others

3.55 IRIS AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£1,999: 1m 6f) (17)

3.35 SPORTING INDEX CROSS COUNTRY CHASE (£17,669: 3m 7l) (13 runners)

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4.05 MURPHYS IN A BOTTLE MOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£7,490: 2m 110yd) (15 runners)

Long handicapt Country Ministre! 9-17 Needle Match 9-6 BETTING: 9-2 Northern Drums. 5-1 Tretchev 7-1 Noble Torn. 8-1 Pride Ol Rachmin. 10-1 Prince Kinsley, Rozzy'. Levishian, Strong Choice. 12-1 other:

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NORTHERM DRUMS can confinue his progress for Martin Pipe

COURSE SPECIALISTS 3 9 33 1 J Murph 11 119 160 A P McCoy 3 19 152 N Wilsonson 29 188 154 R Denrecody 35 269 130 A Magune 25 214 117 C Sean 16 25 0 94 24.5 119 23.5 207 17.4 160 16.0

Coome Hill plan

Coome Hill will miss the Murphy's Gold Cup at Cheltenham tomorrow in favour of the Flowers Original Handicap Chase on the same programme, his trainer, Walter Dennis, said yesterday.



RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS Market Rasen : Going: good, good to soft in places 1.10 (2m 11 110vd hcla) 1, Stey Money (R Themton, 5-1), 2, Chiergo (74 fav); 3, Down The Yard (5-1) 10 rah. 54, 41 T Easterby Tota: £5:20 £2 10, £1:20, £1:40. DF £70. Trib. £10:60 CSF: £14:29 Tricest: £44:89.

2.15 (2m 4f ct) 1, Rategh Native (G Bradley, 9-1), 2, Feel The Power (100-30); 3, Executive Design (7-2) Durano 3-1 (av 8 (an 8, 2, C Brooks Totre 110.0); (25-5), (1.40, 11 70, DF: £13.50 CSF: £35.72 11.40, E1 70, DF: £13.50 CSF: £25.72 2.45 (2m ti 110yd hdie) 1, Sadi Mad Bad (P Neen, 5-1): 2, Kingdom Emperor (11-1), 3, Dulas Bay (2-1), Felaiste 13-8 fev. 15 ran. 10, 51 Mrs M Reveloy, Tota: £5.50; £1.30, £2.40, £1.40 DF: £34.40 Trio: £41.20, CSF: £28.70. 268.70. 3.15 (3m 11 ch) 1, Coole Hill (A Maguire, 6-4 lav): 2, Naughty Future (10-1): 3, Deise Marshall (12-1): 9 rart. 13l. 21l. 0 Marshall (12-1): 9 rart. 13l. 21l. 0 Naichbon. Tole: 22 50: 21.10, 22.50, 22.50. DF 216:00 Trio: 252:10 CSF 216:14 Troast 2124:60

Treest £124.60 3.45 (2m 5) 110vd hdie) 1, Toby Brown (A Maguire, 9-4 (-lav); 2, Five Flags (9-4 (-lav); 3, Bourdomer (25-1), 13 ren. 254, dist (a), Nichelson, Tole £2.90; £1.30, £1.90, £5.90 DF £4.50, Tho: £33.00, CSF £7.57 Placepot: \$11.60. Quedpot: \$9.00.

Taunton Going: good 1.00 t2m 1t hdis) 7, Little Hootigan (L. Aspell, 4-1 (t-fox; Thunderer's nap); 2. Causdpot: £139.50.

Hubert (4-1 |1-fav); 3, Obelos (5-1) 11 ran. 44, 41 5 Knight, Tore: 22.90; 51.10, 51.80, 51.90 DF 57.80 Thro: \$18.30 CSF: 517.95, Tricast: £72.06. Going: standard 12.20 (7) 1, hor's Deed (A Wh 1.30 (2m 11 hdis) 1, Two To Tengo (C Lievellyn, 10-1); 2, Not For Parrot (25-1); 3, King Mola (evens lav) 14 ran. 1 kil, 2i, N Tweston-Davies. Tota: \$7.00; £1.80, \$5.10, \$1.10. DF \$259.40. This \$75.90 CSF.

2.05 (2m 3f ch) 1, Eleues (J Colloly, 10-1); 2, Can't Say (25-1); 3, Indian Temple 20-11, Supermack (f) 13-8 fav. 11 can. NP. Statelogh Cal. 51, M.J. Krap Tote £14-50; 03-10, 53-80, 63-10 OF: £52-50. Trio. £161.50, CSF. £189.11. Tricast; £4,397.02 2161.50, CSF, £189.11. Tricest; £4,397.02 2.35 (2m st 10) of Incle); 1, A. S. Jim (Mr H Oliver, 100.30); 2, Country Tarquin (11-4 lan); 3, Par Ot Jacks (12-1), 10 ran, 194, 5. O O'Neall Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £180, £2.20, DF: £8 50. Tric: £26.40, CSF; £11 57. Tricest; £85.08 3.05 (3m, ch) 1, Dream Leader (A. P. McCoy, 3-1); 2, Seeple Jack (18-1); 3, Jailtoneuler (14-1), Ghas Greungh 5-2 lev 10 ran, £24, 13 M Roberts, 104 £3.90; £1.50, £2.20, £3.00, DF: £34.10. Tric £116.80, CSF; £42.20, Tricest; £524 12, 2, 35, £m 110.od helie) 1, Deceborg (A. P.

3.35 (3m 110)d hdish 1, Decyloog (A P McCoy, avents lav); 2, St Melton Leisure (12-1); 3, Weaver Square (33-1), 10 ran, 5, 40, M Pipe, Tote: £1 80, £1 30, £2 70, £3 00 OF; £8,80, CSF, £13,47, Tito: £247,10, 4.05 (2m 11 fet): 1, Vellent Memory (P Ryen, 16-1): 2, Lucky Touch (20-1): 3, Strong Brew (15-8 km): 13 ren. 31, 91 N Chance Tote: 241 60, 58.69, 24.30, C1.30, DF 2271.70, CSF, 2283.54, 146; 5384.20 Jackpot: not won (pool of £11,332,75 carried forward to Cheltecham today).

Placepot: £134.40.

Going: standard 12.20 (7) 1, Nor's Desd (A Whelen, 4-1); 2, Robo Magic (16-1); 3, Everset (11-4 tay) 11 ran. Sh fxt., 144 Mrss G Kelevsay Tots 27 30; 12 30; 12.80, 11 30. DF: 248.00. Trio 125.00. CSF: 155.53 Tricast: £186.67 225.00. CSF: 150.35 (Notes); (1900) 1250 (Im 2); 1, Muth Franchise (Meron Dwyer, 8-1); 2; Haydri James (14-1); 3; Haydringe Soy (4-1) Masser Bewelet 7-8 (3-1); 10; ran NE: Meson Heights, 11, 314, R Flower, 160 (1900) CJR (1900) 130 (1900) 1700 (1900) 130 (1900) 130 (1900) 130 (1900) 1700 (1900) 130 (1.20 681 1, Sure To Dream RF Perham.
14-11: 2, Blue Lamp (11-10 tay); 3, Oursbie
George (100-11, 10 ran, NR; Kümseri Lady,
Wid Negle 134, 34, R Philips, Tole: E20,60;
64.00, 61.00, 62.60 DF: 615.10 CSF
528.18 Trior \$136.50. ass. to 100 J. (100 S).

1.50 (8) 1, Just Another Time (C Lowher, 100-30 lay); 2, Muya's Magic (20-1), 3, Ok Babe (9-2), 14 cm. 34, hd J Berry, Tote-52-20; 21 sa), 6-30, 22-30, 0F, 558.40. Time (1556.10); CSF: 1072-70

C156.10; CSF: E72.70 2.25 (frin 45) 1, Ruise A Prince (W Ryen, 7-2), 2, Fijal (p.4 tay); 3, Ectern Heights 47-1), 7 an, NR; Night City, 254, 4J, 5 Woods, Tote: \$4.00; E2.10, E2.10, OF: £4.60 CSF: £11.25 Value 12: 10: 20: 10: 00 Feb 20: 00: 05: 12: 12: 22: 5 (Im 2): 1, Pallacarder (P Dec. 4-1): 2, Gold Clipper (33-1): 3. Guesstimation (11-2): Returns 5: 1 (av. 1): av. 2]; 31: 8 Dec Tote: 74: 60: 21: 40: 82: 30: 17: 10: 10: 52: 990 Tito 2: 31: 80: CSF: 21: 25: 18. Tincast 26:77: 62. 2.25 (Im) 1, Night Vigil (at His, 13-4); 2, Special Pesson (16-1); 3, Rubemme (6-4 tay) 11 mn. 31, rk. B Hills Tole 23.00; 21.30, 22.40, 21 10. DF: £13.10 Tho £23.70 CSF: £24.69

23.68
3.55 (7) 1, Palacegate Touch (C Lowther. 11-10 feet; 2, Sezaing (14-1); 3, Invocation (4-1), 10 can. 294, 294, J Beny, Toler £1.90, £1 10, £2.90, £2.10 DF-£9.10. This £10.70 CSF: £18.71 Tricact £48.10
Placepot: £150.50. Quadpot: £10.00.

1.05 ORCHED MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,294: 5f) (13)

1.40 CARMATION CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: £1,944: 61) (16)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

SOLTHWELL Trainant: Mrs M Roveley, 27 venners from 111 numers, 24.3%, R Boss, 3 kmm 14. 21.4%, W Hagger, 5 from 32, 18.8%; M Chesson, 5 kmm 56, 16.7%, P Hasjam, 15 from 94, 16.0%, Jocksey: O Biggs, 25 wassers from 122 rdes, 18.9%; G Milligan, 3 from 17, 17.6%, C Lowber, 4 from 27, 14.8%, Jo Hannam, 4 from 28, 14.3%. 17.6%, G. Livenger, 4 gran 21, 1100, as revenues, from 112 namers, 20 FE; ER: Trahener, Mats. H. Rotgan, 34 winners, from 121 namers, 30 4%, M Pipe, 75 from 231, 25.6%, G Edwards, 9 kpm 45, 20.0%, T Fursier, 4 from 20, 20.0%, P Hobbs, 25 from 130, 19 2%, Josephys J Osbonne, 21 winners from 75 rudes, 28.0%, G Supple, 4 from 19, 21.1%, C Masde, 14 from 63, 16.9%, J Frost, 19 from 140, 13.6%, TENNIS

Rusedski's fine year draws to a sad close

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

THE extent of Greg Rusedski's hamstring injury became clear last night when the Briton heeded medical advice to withdraw from the ATP Tour world championship. Diagnosed as requiring a week's complete rest. Rusedski had little option but to default from his final roundrobin match with Carlos Moyà. Victory in straight sets would have kept alive his faint hopes of reaching the

Instead, Rusedski was left to reflect on four days of misfortune in his inaugural appearance here. Although he will cash a qualifier's cheque for \$80,000 (about £50,000), he departs after two defeats in as many matches and, more pertinently, without having added any points to his world ranking. Yevgeni Kafelnikov, already through to the semi-finals yesterday after devouring Michael Chang 6-3, 6-0, has done enough to overhaul Rusedski. The Great Britain

RESULTS

RED GROUP: C Moyak (Sp) wo G Rusedski (GB) scr. WHITE GROUP: Y Kateinikov (Russ) bt M Chang (US) 6-3, 6-0; J Bjotkman (Swe) bt S Bruguera (Sp) 6-3, 6-1

No I will drop to No 6 when the year-end ranking table is published on Monday.

The injury, with which Rusedski inexplicably awoke Wednesday morning, brought his vintage season to a premature conclusion. Immensely proud to be Great Britain's first representative in the tournament's 27-year history, Rusedski expressed his disappointment last night. "If I was healthy and had lost all three matches, that would have been fine," he said. "I was so looking forward to playing, but it gives me more incentive to get back here next

Initialiv. Rusedski felt frustrated when his request for a ment for the Spaniard in the 24-hour postponement was dismissed by tournament officials intent on satisfying the scheduling demands of television. However, results of scans on Rusedski's right leg rendered his request academ-

ic. He was replaced in the red group by Thomas Muster. Two medical specialists recshould take a week off, thus closing one of the most succhapters in British tennis since the war. Rusedski won two tournaments and reached the final at the US Open, accruing seasonal prize-money of \$1,515,473 (about £900,000). He rose to a career-high No 4 in the world and made the semi-finals in II

However, the effort has taken its toll. Doug Spreen, the ATP Tour trainer who examined Rusedski after his match with Sampras on Wednesday evening, said that the people who had played a lot of tennis". He continued: "When a part of the body gets fatigued, you may have minor strains in that muscle. The symptoms you get are tightness and soreness. Greg has a slight spasm and a lot of ightness in that hamstring."

of the 24 events he contested.

Spreen's words fuelled the belief that this end-of-season championship should be detached, by one week, from the end of the regular Tour. The scramble for places in this eight-man field went right to the wire, denying the successful participants any time to

Patrick Rafter alluded to the physical problems confronting players here when he said on the eve of the tournament: "I am sure everyone is nursing something, a certain injury. It's no secret among all the players [when] there is something wrong. But when you're out on the court and the adrenalin is running, you don't feel it."

As if to emphasise the point, Sergi Bruguera, himself engaged in the qualifying race to the bitter end, virtually resigned himself to withdrawing after exacerbating a rib injury in losing to Jones Bjorkman yesterday. A standby replacewhite group - almost certainiv his compatriot. Alex Corretia — was being sought last night. Meanwhile, Bjorkman plays Chang today to determine who joins Kafelnikov in the semi-finals.



Wilkinson concentrates as he plays a backhand on his way to victory over Milligan in the national championships

Mackin profits from masterclass

BY ALIX RAMSAY

LEARNING can be a painful process, especially when it has to be done in public. Yesterday, Alan Mackin was neatly and ruthlessly beaten 6-0, 6-3 by Tim Henman in the second round of the Guardian Direct national championships at Telford in a match that was euphemistically described as a good tearning experience for the young man from Glasgow.

Not that Mackin seemed too unnerved by the Henman masterclass. A spindly boy of 16, who still appears to be growing into his feet, he has encountered the British No 2 before. Mackin was one of the young hopefuls taken to Florida earlier this year for the first of Jeremy Bates's tennis camps. There he practised and trained with Henman, played football with him in the quieter moments and came home mightily im-

"Tim is a great guy, he handles bimself very well. he's confident, he never seems worried," Mackin said. Not that Herman had much to worry about in the first set as it whistled by in just 16 minutes. Henman had more trouble getting through the autograph hunters as he made his way off court.

"I struggled with the pace in the first set," Mackin said, "but I expected that to happen. I just got my head down

Henman was equally complimentary about his young opponent, praising the overall standard of his game. "He's got all the shots and a very good basis to work from," he said. "Once he settled into his game he started constructing some good points. That's what he has got to do now,

point after point." As for the long-term effect of such a drubbing, both men thought it would be a useful milestone in Mackin's career. The loser felt that he had learnt much in a very short space of time, while the victor harked back to his early days in Telford.

"I remember the first time I played Jeremy [Bates] and lost him," Henman said. "It was a big occasion for me and

I learnt from it. It's important for Alan to learn to deal with situations like this. The higher he moves in the game the bigger occasions he will have to face."

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Chris Wilkinson moved smoothly through, beating Luke Milligan 6-2, 6-2 in the third round.

The women moved to-wards their big occasion as the semi-fibal places were decided. Sam Smith moved purposefully past Claire Carter 6-4, 6-4 and today will play Lorna Woodroffe, who beat Lizzie Jelfs 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 after a slow start. Karen Cross, the No 2 seed, fell by the wayside, land 6-7, 7-5, 6-4.

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Swedish Match makes best of conditions

■ SAILING: With around 3,400 miles still to sail to Fremantle, Swedish Match, skippered by Gunnar Krantz, leads the second leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race across the Southern Ocean from Innovation Kvaerner by 190 miles. Swedish Match has passed 20 miles to the north of Prince Edward Island and is again enjoying the best racing conditions, with an average speed of 18.1 knots and bursts of up to 20 bests.

up to 29 knots.

Behind the leaders, the mid-fleet battle remains remarkably close, with just 28 miles separating BrunelSunergy, in fourth place, from Chessie Racing, in eighth. Still in among the pack is Silk Cut, skippered by Lawrie Smith. The Briton and his crew were in seventh position last night but with designs to recover fourth place at least.

Meeting of champions

BOXING: Lennox Lewis' mandatory World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight title defence against Zeljko Mayrovic, the European champion, was confirmed yesterday. Lewis must meet the German-based, London-trained Croatian before the end of July, the WBC ruled. Before then, Lewis will be aiming his sights much higher—at a unification match with Evander Holyfield, the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation champion, from the United States. Negotiations are taking place to try to make that meeting happen next year, possibly in April.

Curtis off as England lose

TrootBALL: John Curtis, the Manchester United defender, was sent off for serious foul play in the ninetieth minute as England lost the first leg of their European under-21 championship play-off with Greece at Iraklion, Crete, last night. Despite sustained pressure, England succeeded in keeping the Greeks out until the 78th minute, when Trainnos Dellas put the home side in front. Nikos Liberopoulos then condemned England to an uphill struggle at Carrow Road in the second leg on December 17 by adding a last-minute penalty for a 2-0 final score.

Botham joins Cardiff

Botham, right, son of lan, the former England cricket player, has joined Cardiff, the Welsh Cup holders, from West Hartlepool. The 20-yearold centre was signed after playing in two friendly matches for the club. Peter Manning, the Cardiff manager, said: "He has a good attitude and is a very determined, competitive person who wants to make it as a professional rugby player."



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Pay dispute rumbles on

E CRICKET: Players' representatives put a revised pay claim to the Australian Cricket Board yesterday as the dispute appeared set to continue. Tim May, president of the Australian Cricketers' Association, whose organisation represents about 120 professionals, and Mai Speed, the ACB chief executive, refused to give details of the desiration.

Strike action remains a possibility:

Time to make a splash

E SWINDING: Graeme Smith and James Hickman, of Stockport, aim to put their disappointing summer behind them today when they start the new season at the Speedo British Grand Prix in Leicester. Smith, the Olympic bronze medal winner, drew a blank at the European Championships in Seville, while Hickman, the world short-course champion, had to pull out of the event because of illness.

SNOOKER

Blair asked to lift sponsorship threat

TONY BLAIR and William Hague have been invited to the Liverpool Victoria United Kingdom Championship as the governing body intensifies its battle to retain tobacco sponsorship.
Jim Mackenzie, the chief

executive of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), is pressing for talks with the Prime Minister at the earliest possible date after Mr Blair declared, during Prime Minster's Questions on Wednesday, that he was willing to attend such a meeting

Mackenzie believes that the controversial exemption received by Formula One from the proposed tobacco sponsorship ban has indirectly strengthened the case for snooker enjoying similar concessions,
In a letter to Tessa Jowell,

the Public Health Minister, Mackenzie said: "It is grossly unfair that the strength of the powerful lobby should prevail over the reasoned argument of less well-funded sports.

"Without tobacco sponsorship there would be fewer competitions televised: Without exposure on television, participation will drop dra-matically. That will have an immediate impact upon the thousands of dedicated snooker clubs within the UK and on those companies who supply products and services into the industry."

Mackenzie also said that if, in future, Embassy or indeed any other tobacco company, were prevented from sponsoring the world championship which next year will boast a record prize-fund of £1.32 million -- it could force the event to be staged elsewhere.

"Our world championship is totally sponsored by tobacco

and in the absence of that continuing support we may have to submit to pressure to stage it overseas where tobacco restrictions are more relaxed," Mackenzie said, adding: "The UK viewing figures for a major tournament can reach ten million. substantially more than motor

The one issue beyond debate is that snooker would be badly damaged by tobacco sponsorship becoming illegal Ignor-ing ancillary income, including that from television. tobacco will provide £2.6 mil-



Ebdon: young opponent

lion of total prize-money of £4.9 million this season. David Gray, 18, will provide youthful opposition for Peter Ebdon in the second round of the UK championship after recovering from 3-0 down to beat Graeme Dott, of Scotland, 6-5 at Preston Guild Hall yesterday. Jamie Burnett, who beat Stephen Hendry in the Grand Prix last month, also advanced with a comfortable 6-l victory over Craig MacGillivray, while Jon Birch, of Middleshrough, had breaks of 83 and 88 during a

6-0 whitewash of Mark Gray.

SQUASH

Exhaustion takes grip on players

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN KUALA LUMPUR

THE home nations were feeling the effects of the past 12 days as they entered the semifinal stage of the men's world team championship here. Foilowing on so closely after the world open championship, this event has failed to inspire the players, some of whom have complained of being exhausted. England, the No I seeds and

defending champions, beat Finland 3-0 but appear to have lost the services of their second string. Peter Marshall, who seems to have failed to recover from his efforts in reaching the semi-finals of the world open after his recuperation from chronic fatigue syndrome. England will play Australia in the semi-finals today, while Egypt take on Chris Walker, the England

captain, said: "We are all beaten up in one way or another from last week's world open. This is the world team event and we are sleepwalking into the semi-finals. Alex Gough, the first Weish-

man to reach a world open semi-final last week, has yet to win at first string for his country in the team event. Yesterday he lost to Derek Ryan, of Ireland, but Wales prevailed to stay in the playoffs for ninth place.

treland go in to the play-offs for thirteenth place alongside Scotland, who are led by Martin Heath since Peter Nicol flew home after his defeat in the final of the world open. Heath, however, has failed to recapture the winning form he showed in the opening rubber against Argentina. and suffered again yesterday as Scotland lost to New

RUGBY UNION: NEW ZEALAND ARE ON A MISSION TO SPREAD THE WORD ACCORDING TO JOHN HART

Ireland will need divine intervention

The arrival of the All Blacks in Dublin yesterday attracted more

the Roman Catholic Church launched a campaign yesterday to attract recruits to the priesthood in Dublin to coincide with the arrival of the New Zealand rugby union party. The Church's vocational awareness programme is built around the theme of "Men in Black". Posters abound, asking "Who are the real men in black?" In a rugby sense, Ireland will find out

iomorrow. Priests mingled with players at the New Zealand press conference and Sean Fitzpatrick and Ian Jones posed happily for photographers. It was guaranteed exposure for the Church and showed commendable foresight by the Dublin diocese. Father Damian Farnon joked that the All Blacks would score the tries while the clergy would

than the usual sense of religious fervour. Mark Souster writes attempt the conversions. The

mood was far from black. Not that the Irish public needs much converting. The religious fervour with which the New Zealanders have been greeted suggests that their aura is as strong as ever. New Zealand are on a mission to take the game to a

higher plane. John Hart, the coach, is helping to spread the rugby word with an evangelical zeal. With two of his disciples. Fitzpatrick, the injured captain, and Justin Marshall, his temporary replacement. Hart delivered a sermon, ranging from New Zealand's chances in the first Test, to the state of the game worldwide and a call for a

global season. The present ten-month season was unsustainable, he said.

"The big challenge is to ensure that we don't let the quantity or the dollar dominate the decision-making," Hart said. "Certainly, the New Zealand Rugby Football Union has been very forth-coming in discussions to protect the game. Next year we have seven or eight tests, while this year we're playing

"It is not the number of tests necessarily that will kill players, but the frequency. What we and England are undertaking this autumn is unsustainable. You need gaps between internationals. It is

crucial we get balance. That is one of the great challenges for the international board — to show vision and leadership regarding the structure of the international programme, to ensure we maintain quality and deliver a quality product.

"We have to have a global structure, harmonise the European Cup and Super-12 at provincial level, and the five nations' and the trinations' series at international level, with the wirmers playing each other. It means a radical shift in the season's structure. That is the challenge, rather than forcing more competitions on us." As far as more immediate matters were concerned, Hart

Zealand amid some criticism. had begun the tour in fine form, but he stressed that Ireland would not be underestimated and that talk of a 100-point Irish defeat was insulting.
The decision to omit Josh

his squad, which had left New

Kronfeld after 18 consecutive tests had been hard, but the Otago open side had looked rusty after a six-week absence because of injury. He has been replaced by Andrew Blowers. Hart said Jonah Lornu

might challenge for an international spot later in the tour, but cautioned: "Jonah is not quite ready yet and there is no way we are rushing him." Even without Longu, one is

left feeling that Ireland will still need a miracle to defeat the All Blacks.

HOCKEY: BUSY WEEKEND OF LEAGUE AND EHA CUP MATCHES WILL TEST THE METTLE OF MEN AND WOMEN

England players return to bolster their clubs' hopes

By Sydney Friskin

TEDDINGTON and Reading, winners and runners-up respectively in the men's EHA Cup last season, will be fighting for survival in the fourth round on Sunday.

Teddington visit Southgate for what promises to be the showpiece of the day. When the teams met in the league at Trent Park last month, Southgate won 7-2, but Teddington were without six leading players. Their outlook is sharper and their confidence has been restored by the return from injury of Hauck to the front line.

Southgate are at full strength with Waugh, the defender, and Woods and Simons, both forwards, back from England's successful trip to Cairo. East Grinstead take on Reading at

Saint Hill in another meeting of

premier division clubs. Stuart Head,

despite his back trouble, is expected to play for East Grinstead, whose front line will again depend on Bhatti and Gibson. Their firepower will be

matched by Pearn and Ashdown. Cannock, at home to Harlestone Magpies, welcome back Kalbir Takher, the former England centre half, after an ankle injury. Much interest will be focused on Mayer, Humphrey and Crutchley, all Cannock players, who combined for England's opening goal against Egypt

after only eight seconds last Sunday. Owen Jones, Williamson and Bolland have recovered from injury for Hounslow's home match against Surbiton, who are still without the injured Elmett and Constable.

In premier division matches tomorrow, Cannock travel to East Grinstead, and Southgate visit bottorn-of-the-table Guildford.

Sutton Coldfield clarify priorities for the season By Cathy Harris cup, although we'd obviously love to go

RETAINING their place in the Premiership is more important to Sutton Coldfield than winning the women's EHA Cup, Jane Sixsmith, the captain, said yesterday. Sixsmith readily admits that her team have underachieved in the league and stressed that after a shaky start to this season their main objective is to remain in the

Sutton Coldfield face Ipswich, lying second behind Slough, in the league tomorrow and again in a third-round cup tie on Sunday. The England and Great Britain striker said: "We had a good spell about six years ago and used to be

talked about as contenders for the title.

Now, nobody mentions us. It's a tough

double-header, but a good run in the

league is far more important than the

through to the next round." With only eight teams in the league, there is little margin for error. "There's no way any team can challenge Slough," Sixsmith said. "We may as well have a trophy for the rest." Sutton Coldfield's task will be helped

by the absence of four Ipswich players tomorrow. Lucy Youngs, the captain, and Collect Adcock are injured, and Debbie Rawlinson and Kirsten Spencer are unavailable because of business commitments. However, Rawlinson and Spencer will return on Sunday.

Doncaster, who face Clifton, are bottom of the table, like the local football club - Doncaster Town, in the Nationwide League third division. - and Ray Allen, the manager, said: "There's no gloomy talk here, but we definitely need a much-improved team performance against Clifton."

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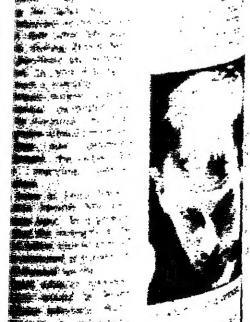
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WANT TO SERVE

Given and Ireland hope to put the jokes behind them

WITH so much stake when Ireland take on Belgium here tomorrow night for a place in the World Cup finals, it is as well the frivolity should be disposed of first. When the ireland party arrived in the Belgian capital yesterday, seri-ous questions were being asked but few were answered. instead, matters ranged from peripheral to the absurd.

Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, is rarely given to overt displays of humour. A wry grin is as much as he can usually muster. Yet even he chuckled when it was pointed out that he bore an uncanny resemblance to the late King Baudouin of Belgium.

"Look at the face on the 20-franc coin," he was urged. McCarthy laughed. "I just hope he is a good-looking fella," he replied. That Ireland play the sec-

ond leg of their qualifying play-off in the King Baudouin Stadium is seen as a lucky omen by the Ireland support-

ers, who will clutch at anything as a sign that a third successive appearance in the World Cup finals is nigh.

Many of the anticipated 9,000-strong following have begun to drift in from Dublin. They should be well catered for in a city that includes O'Reilly's O'Neill's and Kitty O Shea's among its multitude of watering holes. Local authorities have given

warning that there are no tickets available for purchase by away fans, but this has not stopped same of the more mious among the 8,000 Irish from having a go. "They have used every dodge pos-sible." John McNerra, the manager of the Wild Geese bar, said. "You'd be amazed how many Van der Murphys and Van der Kellys are now living here. All second-generation Irish of course, with Belgian mothers." Apparently, nobody has yet tried Hertz

Ahead of the serious stuff,

Atkinson's folly is in the past, fans claim

By JOHN GOODBODY

confirmed as the manager of Sheffield Wednesday today, and the club's supporters appear to have agreed to forgive and forget abusing him as a "Judas" when he walked out of Hillsborough six years ago to join Aston

Rita Nettleship, the secre-tary of the Wednesday sup-porters' club, said yesterday that it was a "positive step" to appoint Atkinson, "Most fans will welcome him back," she

When Atkinson returned to

Hillsborough with Villa dur-ing the 1991-92 season, he had to be given police protection. Atkinson succeeds David Pleat and the League Managers Association (LMA) said yesterday that it wanted to redefine the role of a manager after recent sackings. Over-

RON ATKINSON will be seas clubs are being surveyed by the LMA as it attempts to find ways of easing the pressure of financial affairs.

Harry Redknapp, the West Ham United manager, has abandoned an attempt to sign Guiseppe Signori, of Lazio, on loan because the player's wage demands were too high. Redknapp had hoped to secure the 31-year-old striker until the end of the season, but was foiled by his terms -

believed to be £800,000.

Swansea City were in disarray on the eve of their FA Cup first-round tie against Peter-borough United at the Vetch Field tonight. Eight first-team players who have been transfer-listed by Alan Cork, the manager, want talks with Steve Hamer, the chairman of the Nationwide League third division side, to express their anger at Cork's actions.

the players have had their moments too. Tony Cascarino, the AS Nancy striker, reflected on how a passport-thieving pickpocket had caused him untold grief as he tried to make his French connection at Charles de Gaulle airport. Shay Given, the Newcastle United goalkeeper, admitted

to feeling like a pantomine star after his blunder in the FA Carling Premiership match against Coventry City last weekend, when Dion Dublin nipped in from behind, dispossessed him and scored. Given's Ireland teammates — 'He's behind you, Shay, he's behind you"—have not let him forget it.
This probably means I will appear on every What hap-

rest of my life," Given said. "It was totally my fault, it was my mistake and I will have to live with it. I suppose even I can see the funny side of it now." Amid the frippery though, the tension is not far from the surface. McCarthy's mood later changed from one of genial-ity to tetchiness, especially

when it was suggested that Belgium had had enough chances to have secured more than the 1-1 draw in the first leg at Lansdowne Road last month. "I am not having that," he said, rounding on the interviewer who had clearly watched a different game. When a Belgian pressman

mentioned the threat of Luc Nilis, the PSV Eindhoven striker, McCarthy regained his jovial thread. Asked if Given was having nightmares about Nilis, having twice conceded goals to him while playing for club and country during the past fortnight, Mc-Carthy said: "I don't know. I don't sleep with Shay."

It is no more than a mask. guaranteed to disguise the magnitude of the task ahead, yet a few salient facts did eventually filter through. Ray Houghton is fit and should play: Terry Phelan is not and will not. Lee Carsley is likely to man-mark Nilis; Cascarino might play alone up from. It is a guessing game, all good fun again, but it cannot last.



Poor review delights Scots

THE Scotland football team are among the few performers who will ever cherish a bad review. The criticisms came from Zinedine Zidane, the most glamorous member of a France side that scrambled a 2-1 victory over Craig Brown's men in Saint-Etienne on

Wednesday. He spoke with the frustration of a sportsman who knew that his talent had been all but mullified. "Scotland didn't play at all," he said. "All they did was get men behind the ball. This wasn't a competitive match and it was a real shame that they didn't try to make it a bit more entertaining."

Brown, the Scotland manager, thought that Zidane's complaint should be treated as glowing testimonial to Billy McKinlay, who closed the Frenchman out of the game for long spells. There was absurdity: too, in hearing a nerson who works in Serie A profess himself aghast at the idea of close marking.

By KEVIN McCARRA

Zidane, of Juventus, de-meaned himself with the silly complaint that Scotland had been uncooperative. His countrymen will be unsympathetic, having boord France from the field in the Geoffroy Guichard Stadium. Zidane's team did take the lead, through Pierre Laigle, but Scotland equalised a few seconds later when a move of rapid passes ended with Gordon Durie's emphat-France's winner, in the 77th

minute, was a penalty converted by Yourl Djorkaeff, a substitute, after Laigle had been fouled by Craig Burley. By then, Durie had missed two fine chances for a Scotland side that devised better opportunities than opponents whose style was convoluted and ineffective. The visitors had only the result to regret.

"When it was I-l at half-time we told the players in the

want them coming back in with a hard-luck story, but in the end that was exactly what happened," Brown said. The manager's words achieved a fine balance between sympathy and exasperation, because he knows that Scotland were capable of a better result.

He was pleased by the performance in central de-fence of David Weir and glad to give Man Ellion, of Leicester City, the debut, as a substitute, that ties him to Scotland. Nonetheless, the pragmatic satisfactions did not prevent Brown from being rucful over the lingering deference of his team.

He believes that Scotland began poorly because they were hindered by regard for the reputations of the French players. The failure to snatch any of the opportunities in the second half may also have stemmed from inhibition. Defeated though they were, Scotland learnt that they ought to acquire some arrogance

Morris refuses to let isolation cramp his style

t is easy to think of King's Lynn as a footballing backwater. Out on the western edge of Norfolk where the Great Ouse runs into The Wash, it is so far off the beaten track that some of their players face round trips of 200 miles and more just for the home

Some backwaters run deep, however. Behind the rustic façade lies a proud FA Cup tradition that they are hoping to revive when they face Bromsgrove Rovers in the first round proper That they have got this far

is a triumph in itself. Three

years ago, the East Anglian outpost was in danger of disappearing altogether. The club was more than £30,000 in debt and the capacity of the main stand was nil because it did not conform to safety standards. "We were within hours of closing down completely," John Scales, a local businessman, said as he recalled how he became chairman almost by mistake". A new company was formed, there was a share issue among the directors and the few supporters, King's Lynn bor-ough council helped with the safety work and granted

Scales played what he calls his "masterstroke" by appointing Peter Morris, a midfield player for Mansfield Town, Ipswich Town and Norwich City, as manager, and the club has not looked back.

In his first season, King's Lynn were promoted from the midland division of the Dr Martens League, Last



CUP

the premier division and this season they are again in the top six and challenging

seen most things in football as player-manager of Mans-field, manager of Peterborough United and Kettering Town, assistant manager at Newcastle United and

stadium has been improved to Conference standard and our gates have averaged more than 1,000 over the past two years.

decent squads." Tony Spearing, 33, a cen-

tral defender who has played for Norwich, Leicester City, Plymouth Ara new 20-year lease - and the club, formed in 1879, was gyle and Peterborough, is far and away the most experienced at 33; the rest, who have dropped out of the Football League to take jobs ranging from postman to turkey farmer, have an aver-

> them too hard because of all the travelling they have to do - "you don't want to leave their legs in the car," he said — as they prepare to extend a tradition of Cup success, the peak of which came in 1961-62 when they got to the third round before losing 4-0 to Everton in front of a crowd of almost 45,000

victory over Bromsgrove, in front of a capacity crowd 3,000 at The Walks, will be enough to let everyone know that they are still on the

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

In the last couple of Refreshers I have discussing game tries after an opening of One of Major has been raised to Two. Today I look at the situation when opener has raised responder's suit, in a sequence like this: 1 - 1 - 2 = 1.

If responder's hand is balanced the sequence is parallel to that of an opening One No-Trump. If you would make a game try if partner had opened a weak no-trump, then you should make a When the hand is more distributional such a straightforward

when the hand is more distributional such a straightforward rule is not possible. Tony Forrester in his book Secrets of Success introduces a Rule of 19 to help you decide. What you should do is add your point count to the combined length of your two longest suits. If the total is 19 the hand is probably worth a game try, otherwise it is not. After the sequence: 1 - 1 - 2, the following hand as a supplier of the sequence: 1 - 2. hands are worth a game try:

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These hands are worth tries of Three Diamonds, Two No-Trumps, Three Clubs and Two Spades respectively, and indeed many players who had not heard of the Rule of 19 would make

But the following hand:

(5) +Q5 +Q8432 +Q643 +KJ

should give up because (a) its intermediates are terrible, (b) it has no ace and (c) it has no singleton.

Forrester recommends a further adjustment according to the degree of fit for the suit partner opened. He suggests deducting a point when holding a singleton in partner's suit and adding a

point with three cards or more. The rules for partner's acceptance of the Trial Bid are the same as we have seen before. With a maximum you should always accept unless you have a really dreadful holding in the trial suit. Otherwise you need some plus feature, either in terms of controls or trump length/strength of your own or in terms of useful cards in partner's help suit. If you have only three-card support, no fitting honours in his help suit and less than a maximum in high cards then you should sign off.

☐ Tony Forrester's Secrets of Success is available from all good bookshops or direct from the publisher, BT Batsford, on 01376 321276, price £9.99 (plus £1 p&p).

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

OCOTILLO a. A dance b. A spiny shrub

c. The bottom

c. A person of mixed race

a. Cannabis b. Seaweed

a. A green pasta b. A style of impasto painting c. A snow ridge a. A blizzard b. A Roman Catholic vestment c. A novice

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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Britain's Best

Although Nigel Short held his

own, scoring 50%, on top board for England in the recently concluded World feam Championship, some believe that both Michael Adbelieve that both Michael Adams and Matthew Sadler, the co-British champions, will soon be challenging for the top spot in the UK rankings. Already, they have inched slightly ahead of Short in the most recent World Chess Federation rating list.

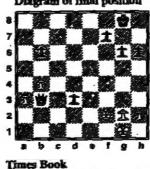
Michael Adams is a rare example of a young player whose preferences are more or

whose preferences are more or less entirely strategic. He has an extraordinarily fine feel for the slightest positional edge, and rarely takes risks unless he has to. His ability to squeeze out a win for a minute endgame advantage is well established as a hallmark of his style. Today's game, after some middlegame complications, witnesses a finely honed endgame performance in which his passed pawn ultimately proves decisive.

White Maia Chiburdanidze Black: Michael Adams World Team Championship,

Ninno-Indian Defence

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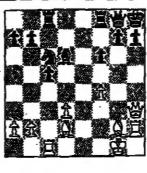


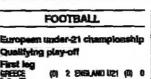
The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles Grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from BTBatsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99+p&p). Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is a variation from the game Reti - Havasi, Budapest 1926. Black is two pawns ahead and appears to have all points well protected against a white attack. However, after White's next move he has to resign.

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for promotion to Vauxhall Conference. Even Morris - who has

Northampton Town and coach in Saudi Arabia - has been impressed by what he has found. "Peopie may not realise it but King's Lynn is a real football town," he said. "The

The only slight problem is that we are a bit out on a limb when it comes to attracting players, but I've been able to build three

age age of 22. Morris does not work

at Goodison Park. For the moment, however,

PAT GIBSON

GOLF

Westwood's emotional

rescue FROM PATRICIA DAVIES

IN GOTEMBA, JAPAN IT WAS a bad day for Nick Price, who did not hit a shot in anger, but an excellent start for the European Ryder Cup quartet of Lee Westwood, Darren Clarke, José Maria Olezabal and Costantino Rocca, who were 14 under par between them after the first round of the 25th Sumitomo

Visa Taiheiyo Masters at Gotemba, near Tokyo, yester-

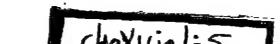
day. Westwood, the defending champion, who had started at the 10th, rescued himself from a gloomy outward half of 38. two over par, by coming home in 30 with five consecutive birdies to finish. "I was de-spairing," Westwood, a preter-naturally imperturbable young man, said. "I kicked the putter on the front nine and

that's not good." It is Westwood's unflappable, Ernie Els-like temperament that is his great strength and Andrew Chandler, his manager, is not the only one to predict great things for him because of it. "Lee's technique and talent are catching upwith his attitude," Chandler said, and he's going to get better and better."

At the 1st, Westwood chipped in for a birdie three. He missed chances at the next three holes but the birdie flourish to finish - the putts ranged from 35 feet to three put him firmly in contention, alongside Clarke on 68, one shot behind Olazabal and two behind the leading trio of Yoshinori Mizumaki, Hiroshi Yamamoto (22 putts) and Peter

McWhinney, of Australia. Neither Olazábal nor Clarke, who feared he might ... score 80 as he sprayed the ball everywhere on the practice ground, dropped a shot, while Rocca dropped two in a round

Price, the former Open and US PGA champion from Zimbahwe, was stymied by a recurrence of the rib injury that put him on the sidelines during the Alfred Dunhill Cup that was held at at St Andrews





On a wing and a prayer

Christopher Irvine

reports on the man

who holds the key to Great Britain's hopes

ext to the South Leeds Stadium, where Great Britain have prepared this week for their final encounter with Australia on Sunday, is the field where Jason Robinson would run about with a rugby ball and imagine. The skills that adorn one of the most accomplished and thrilling players of his generation were first formulated to

the accompanying roar of the M1.

A whirling dervish even in those days, Robinson was spotted by Eric Hawley running everyone else ragged for the Hunslet Parkside amateur club. The Wigan scout in Leeds never dreamt that he would discover another Ellery Hanley. "It was like dropping on a second four-leaf clover in the same field," Hawley once said.

Robinson, 23, still turns to Hawley for advice. It has been a curious week preparing for the third and decisive international against Australia at Elland Road on Sunday. It is the biggest match of his life, played in the area where he grew up and where his mother still lives. Rugby league offered an escape from daily drudgery. Leeds turned him down. Too unorthodox, they said, which is rather like saying that Ian Botham was too flash.

Wigan signed him on his seventeenth birthday. Two years later, he scored two tries on his Great Britain debut on the wing in a defeat of New Zealand at Wembley. A star was born, except that his sometimes surly reaction to the media became indicative of the arrogant swagger that he carried over from the pitch.

Robinson was fully aware of the clause in the contract he signed in 1995 with the Australian Rugby League (ARL), at the height of the Super League bidding war, which berred him from representing his country while playing out his contract at Wigan. An estimated £300,000 down-payment was Robinson's cue to make merry, which he did to excess. Mayhem inevitably followed and had it not been for Va'aiga Tuigamala, his former Wigan team-mate, he might have gone too far down the spiral. "Inga got me thinking," Robinson said. "He was at

"Happiness for him didn't come out of a bottle. There I was being stupid and selfish. Not only couldn't I cope with the money, I didn't like what it had turned me into."

Eight weeks living with a Christian group transformed Robinson's life and outlook. He was reconciled with his wife and has not touched an alcoholic drink for almost three years. He is a born-again talker, too, who discovered a sense of proportion along with his change in the pack is the first to perform a particular task and this is discovery of God. "When I say rugby's appearance after injury of Branchydie no the best team I can select." he said.



Robinson is convinced that Great Britain can secure their first series victory over Australia for 27 years on Sunday

His conversion, four enjoyable

months spent playing rugby union in

the West Country for Bath last year

and his return to Wigan persuaded

Robinson that Australia was not for

a job, I don't mean that I don't play to the best of my ability but, when I'm finished, it's family time. I need that

"Things don't bother me now. If someone smacks me on the pitch, why bother smacking them back? It'll be a penalty to us and possibly two points. I was wound up before. I think it would take something very bad for me to react now. Besides, I'm not a fighter . . . there are some big lads out there."

unchanged for the sold-out, deciding

Girdler's return to the centre and

resumption of the goalkicking role

would mean Mullins switching to the

right wing and Ken Nagas dropping down to the bench. The one definite

him. He had been due to join the ARL last summer, but Wigan managed to extend his contract with them, and shortly before the series against Australia began the club's new owners negotiated his release and a new three-

who replaces Matt Adamson in the

Britain keep winning team Australia's most experienced forward,

match of the British Gas series at second row. A mood of determination to Elland Road on Sunday, but Australia maintain a 27-year dominance over will give fitness tests to two of their backs, Brett Mullins and Ryan Gir-dler (Christopher Irvine writes). Mullins burst a blood vessel in his. Britain was summed up by Laurie Daley, the Australia captain. "It's sudden death, but the guys are pretty leg in the Old Trafford defeat last confident and we know the areas Saturday, a match that Girdler missed where we have to improve and will because of a knee ligament problem. improve," he said.

James Lowes, the Britain hooker, has recovered from a viral infection. Andy Goodway, the Britain coach, winning formula. "I select every team

"I had tried to push the ARL contract and all the dealings to the back of my mind and just concentrate on the rugby," Robinson said. "I'm not too bad watching on the sidelines but, if I'd missed out against Australia, I'm not sure it would have been that easy

A series victory against Australia, the first since 1970, would certainly represent a career highlight. There is little doubt that, as huge as the respect is for Andy Parrell, the Great Britain captain, it is Robinson's cutting edge in pace, his ability to skim the ground like low-trajectory missile and the fear that he puts in defences whenever he comes inside that can really fluster

When we lost the deciding match at Elland Road last time [1994], we didn't have the self-belief." Robinson said. "If we play with the same intensity and commitment we did in winning at Old Trafford last week, eradicate the mistakes and show we've still got more to offer, we'll stop all this talk of 27 years since we last beat Australia.

The trouble with rugby league is that it's far too self-critical. It's the best game in the world. If we can win this series and everyone in the game can start-pulling together, maybe others will start to realise it."

FIXTURES

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Nature as a survivor

BBC2, 7.30pm

The latest series from the Open University to be offered for general consumption has as its theme some of the spectacular aspects of the natural word and attempts of scientists to make sense of them. In future programmes we shall encounter volcances, meteorites and James Lovelock, originator of the Gata theory. Tonight we visit the Arizona desert, where a vast glasshouse called Biosphere 2 attempts to replicate the Earth's ecosystems. For non-OU students, particularly those not versed in the earth sciences, some of the contamation will be on the technical side. But the explanation will be on the technical side. But the broad drift of the film, about the ability of nature to survive in variously controlled conditions, is accessible enough. And not just nature. We hear from Linda Leigh, one of the team of scientists who spent two years sealed inside the "ark", about their

War Walks BBC2, 8.00pm

Returning for a second series, the military historian Richard Holmes visits more historic battlefields and talks us through some of the decisive conflicts in our national story. Few were more decisive than the Battle of Hastings, for if William of Normandy had lost, the course of English history might have been very different. Nor was the outcome assured. At one point, as Holmes makes clear, William's forces were in such disarray that defeat seemed inevitable. With few visual aids, apart from the Bayeux Tapestry, a recreation of a Saxon are and footage of presentary Sussex, Holmes manages to produce a stirring narrative that is a tribute both to his enthusiastic presentation and deep knowledge lightly worn. He even takes to horse in order to demonstrate Norman cavalry techniques.

Julie Walters Is an Alien IIV, 9.00pm

For a variation of that well-tried format in which celebrities take on other people's jobs, Julie Walters travels to Miami. We first meet her as an ad hoc member of the police force, patrolling the beaches in a buggy and having a close encounter with an

Richard Holmes at Hastings (BBC2, 8.00pm)

elderly male nudist. "They don't have this at Weston-super-Mare," is her riposte, setting the some for a non-stop repertoire of pulled faces and whispered asides to camera. Walters varies the white her included a side of the set of whispered asides to camera. Walters varies the theme by joining a wildlife patrol and milks for all they are worth expeditions to rescue a left python and a dangerous alligator. After that she turns estate agent and tries to sell overpriced properties to very rich people. The prices are so high that on one deal she stands to earn \$500.000 commission. But that could just be another gag.

The Fast Show BBC2_930pm

A new series brings new characters, but the cast is the same, and so, reassuringly for the show's admirers, is the humour. Fast is the word as sketch follows sketch, often barely waiting for a punchline. With so many items on offer, there are misses as well as hits, and some of the characterisations are derivative. Paul Whitehouse's attempt at an upper-class twit brings him very close to Terry-Thomas while Caroline Aherne's supermarket checkout girl could be a twin sister of Mrs Merton. At a rough estimate, the smut content is higher than in previous series but the Fast Show is by no means alone these days in mistaking rudery for wit. On the positive side there is still much to enjoy, from a well-aimed dig at the pretensions of modern jazz to the football bore holding forth in his local.

The last in a series of religious dialogues. Tonight the Rev Angela Tilby, into in spirituality at Wescott House, Cambridge, discusses with the journalist Polly Toynbee the question "Is religion finished?" This is a fairly daft question but that

should be no bar to dialogue and, anyway, radio discussion series have a habit of ending with attempts to deal with a question that is either too big or too silly. The fact that the question gets serious attention illustrates one of religions

problems, its apparent paranois. Nobody would dream of running a programme on Radio 5 Live called is Football Finished? yet perhaps someone should: far more people attend church in Britain then attend football matches.

Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

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Postscript: Friends Who Disagree

Radio 3, 9.25pm

Growing Pains Radio 4. 10.00 am (FM only)

The last of the series in which Sue Limb takes a light-hearted but by no means frivolous look at growing older, something that unfortunately we all have in common. Today she asks what kind of life the average 50-year-old can expect to be living in 50 years' time compared with the life experienced by people of that age half a century ago. I am not as sure as Limb that life will be all that different in 2047, at least I do not think it will be as different compared with now, as now is compared with 1947. But this kind of predictive programme is obviously a great deal of tun for the people making it, given that nobody will be knocking on their door in 50 years' time to demonstrate how wrong they

RADIO 1

6.90am Kevin Greening and Zo6 Ball 9.00 Simon Meyo 12.00 Jo Whiley, Includes 12.90pm Newsbest 2.00 Merk Raddillo 4.00 Dave Pearos 5.45 Newsbest 6.00 Pets Tong: Essential Selection 9.00 Judge Julies 11.00 Westwood Padid 1 Rep Show 2.00ast One in the Jungle 4.00 Charlle Jordan

RADIO 2

6.00em Saseh Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 David Aaronovitch 1.30pm Debbie Throws 3.00 Ed Stewert 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Habert Gragg 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 9.15 Kes 9.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 The Arts Programme 12.05em Charles Nove 4.00 Disne Louise Jordan

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VIRGIN RADIO

5.00em Jeremy Clerk 7.00 Lynn Parsons 10.00 (PM) Robin Banks (AM) Grahem Dens 1.00pm (FM) Nick Abbot (MW) Nicky Home 4.00 Ruse 'n' Jono 7.00 (FM) Paul Coyle (AM) Calmin Jones 10.00 Mark Fornat 2.00em Richard Porte (AM)

TALK RADIO

6.30em SIII Overton and Carol McGillen 9.00 Scott Chisholm

CALD Sandwich 1,00pm Listener Request Hour with Jame Jones 2.00 Concerto. Sibelius (Wolfn Concerto in D minor) 3.00 Jamle Crick 7.00 Newenight with John Brunning 7.30 Sonsta. Rossini (Sonsta No 3 for Strings in C) 8.00 Evening Concert. Eiger (Froissert); Mozart (Pfano Concerto No 21 in C); Copland (Appalechian Spring); Schubert (Symphony No 8 in B minor) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00em Concerto (r) 4.00 Sally Determine.

6.00em On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Schumenn (Plano Quintet in E.flat); Montevero (1610 Vespers, Nos 1-4): Johann Strauss, son (Waltz Artist's Life); Heydn (Symphony No 6 in D, Le Matin): Mozant, air Sartorius (Overture The Mentiage of Figaro); Schubert (Symphony No 5 in 8 feb)

Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday, Mozart (Symphony No 27 in G); Chopin (Four Mazurkas); Roussel (Symphony No 4 in A) Rouseel (Symphony No 4 in A)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris Wines, Schelbe (Sinfonia in D, Der Tempel des Ruhmes); Vagn Holmboe (Chember Concerto No 4); Allean

(Concerto for plano solo); Vitali (Car Secondo); Nielsen (Symphony No 4 Inestinguisheble) 2.00 Composer of the west lights

1.00pm News; The Radio 3 Limchtime Concert. Liferin St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. Chris de Souza introduces transcriptions, amangements

and alternative versions of original compositions. Coull Quartet, Alten Schiller, piano. Mozart (Adagio and Fugue in C minor; Yourn sonese in a sea; Plano Concerto in A)

2.00 The BBC Archive. Denis McCeldin talks to the Swiss musical philanthropias and conductor Paul Sacher. Music includes frank Martin (Ballade); Vivaldi (Flute Concerto No 3 in D., Goldfinch);

(Basie Concerto) 4.00 Music Restored. The Gubrieli Consort and

Sacrae Symphoniae, published 400 years ago (r) 4.45 Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson 5.00 in Tune, with Sean Rafferty. Tonight's guest is the American conductor and Mahledan, Benjamin Zander. Music includes works by Albinoni and

nce on 3. A concert given on Saturday Wattisch, cello, BBC Scottish Symphony Ortsette under Camo Venska. Wattin, ar Mathieson (Suite Henry V); MacMillan (Cello Concerto, first broadcast); Mendelssohn

Symphony No 3 in A minor, Scottish)

Postscript: Prienids Who Disagree, See Choice

Impressions: Includes Paparon, with Barry Snyder, plano
Hear and Now. Sarah Walker Introduces music from recent concerts in Birmingham and at the Aldeburgh Festival. The performers are the City of Birmingham Youth Crorus and Birmingham Contemporary Music Group under Nicholes Kramer, and Ensemble Contents under Stafan Actum.

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Composer of the Week: Vaughen Williams (r)
am Documenting the Blues. Paul Oliver
discusses a neglected form of the blues called hokum (5/8)(r) 1.00 Through the Night, with Dansid Macisod

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9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Leufey's
castastay is the film director Anthony Minghels (r)
9.45 Feedback. Presented by Chris Dunidey
10.00 (LW) An Act of Worship
10.00 (Filt) News Growing Pains. See Choice (3/3)
10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler
10.30 Worsten's Hour, introduced by Wendy Austin
11.30 The Natural History Programme. Presented by
Joenna Pinnock
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whitskey
12.25pm The Food Programme, Derek Cooper

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1.40 The Archers (†) 1.55 Shipping Forecast,
2.00 News; Clasels Seriel; Childhood's End, by
Artisur C. Clarks, adapted by Tony Mutholiand.
With Steven Pacay and Peter Jetinay (2/2) (†)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor
4.00 News; The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor
4.00 News; AS Kateldoacope. Tim Marlow visits an
exhibition of paintings reflecting the Victorians'
obsession with fairies. Artists featured Include
Milizis, Blake and Landseer
4.45 Short Story; Remembrance Darv. by Katie

4.45 Short Story: Remembrance Day, by Katle Compbell, read by Berbera Bernes 5.00 PM, with Clare English and Jeremy Hams 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Stx O'Clock News

6.20 Going Pieces. Devid Stafford visits Britain's targest collection of weatpaper, and a club for roller coester entitusiasts.
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serie
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Wresham, North Wales, by Ann Clwyd, Labour MP for Cynon Valley. Howard Davies, head of the Financial Services Authority, Etzebeth France, the Data Protection Registrar; and the journalist Borie Johnson.

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S.50 Linu In Action. Mercel Berlins presents the legal
magazine series. Dinah Lammimen asks if we are
moving towards remote justice as more and more
local megistrates' courts are being strut down

9.15 Lefter from America, by Alistair Cooke

9.30 Kaleidoscope Festure: Mutabilitie. The
playwight Frank McGuinness take to Paul Allen
about his new play for the National Theatre inLondon (r)

about his new play for the National Theatre in London (r)

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

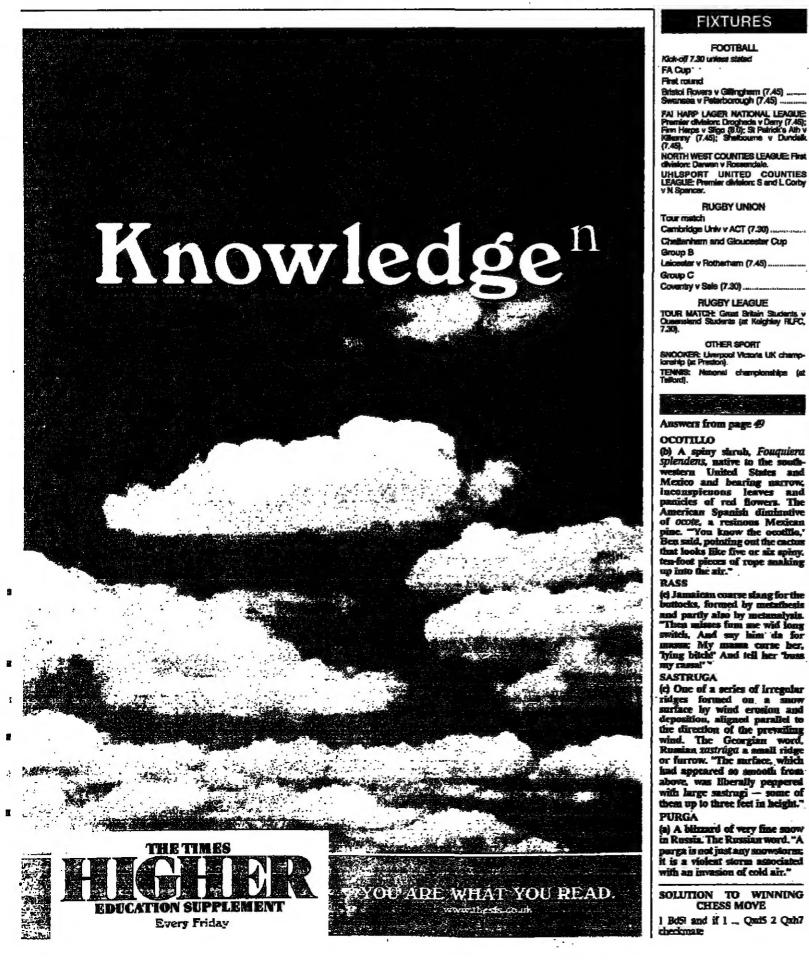
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Clothes They Stood it Written and read by Alan Bennett (5/7)

11.00 Week Ending. The satinical review of the week with Sally Grace, Jon Glover, Dave Lamb and Serah Parkinson

11.25 Fourth Column. A sideweys look at the week 11.45 Today in Partiament

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Comment :

rebels agree A case of sibling rivalry? No, brotherly love scept offer

A ry old theatrical dynasty can knock off a King Lear, any gathering of Richardsons or Cusacks (but not Mc-Ganns) deliver a decent Three Sisters. But it takes a real class family act to bring you ... ahem.
Thief Takers (ITV), which last night starred Abigail and Samantha Bond and is now reviewed, as fate and strict rotation would have it, by me, their brother.

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Anyone who finds the prospect too incestuous or expects anything in the way of objectivity for the 15 investment few paragraphs should skip straight to the next big capital letter. I can't promise to have finished by then but — if ir's any encouragement - you'll be much closer to our next subject, Kylie Minogue with no clothes on. It's all happening today, isn't it?

But back to last night, where the greatest relief of all was that neither of these talented and extraordinarily beautiful actresses glamorous Hollywood film star looked almost dowdy in comparison) did anything rude. They were rude to each other, but as they were playing sisters that was fine - they're used to that. But the important thing, at least for a brother, is that neither of them did anything really rude. By contrast,

my heart went out to the nearest

and dearest of Ms Minogue.

Except, perhaps, Dannii. If ever there was a night where it might be a help to have an episode reviewed by a close relative, this was probably it. Because this was a very curious Thief Takers indeed. This (and here I put, if not my life then certainly my Christmas presents on the line) was the funny one. Wasn't it?

It started conventionally en-ough Tarty redhead in very short skirt (oh God, it's Abigail) trashes house and wardrobe of presumed former lover and then blows up his

diamond robbery is thwarted by the arrival of our intrepid Flying Squad. You didn't need to be a sibling to know that it was "link the subplots" time.

ony Jordan, the writer, eventurally got there rather well but the route he chose was certainly eccentric. I mean, when did you last see a heavily pregnant, strawberry blonde (Samantha) walk into Mothercare armed with a pump-action shotgun and ask for the newborn section. "No yellows, just pinks and blues," she ordered. "Now fill the bag." Those seasons at the Royal Shakespeare Com-pany had clearly not been wasted. Sorry, not quite finished yet. Despite having shot a security guard, Carol (Samantha) desided that a life of crime was fee her. which suited Lorraine (Abigail). now clad in ankle-length for as

well as the mini-skirt, perfectly. As

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she would memorably our it later. "All I did was move you out of

napples and into diamonds." Ah. later - that, you see, was after it had all gone horribly wrong for this latter-day Bonny and Bonny.
With two fur coats but only one shotgun between them, they raided the City jewellers shop owned by Lorraine's "ex", who conveniently was also the man behind the recent spate of diamond rob-

sophisticated alarm system that locked the sisters in, allowing Abigail to do some rather frightening shotgun acting and Samantha to do her oh-my-God-I'm-about-to-

give-birth acting.

She eventually did so, on one of the mink coats (now there's a challenge for a dry cleaner) but not before she'd gone right off her sister: "You've only got one talent and I'd say your chances of sleeping your way out of here were pretty remote." Later, in the warm afterglow of becoming mother and auntie, they kissed, made up...and promised to be much nicer to their brother in future.

Sorry, took longer than I thought Anyway, Kylie with her kit off in Expanding Pletares (BBCZ). Bit of a disappointment at her most gamine, back turned coyly, arm placed strategically, lips miming the last known record-

about exploring new ways of looking at the world but, on the evidence of the first two films, Sam Taylor Wood's Misfit with Minogue and Gillian Wearing's 2 into featuring a mother and twin sons, it's equally about performers practising their lip-synching. Still, they're short (the films and the performers) and quite striking; so why

arlier in the evening, the latest round of the battle of the docu-soaps began with Holiday Reps (BBCI) going out directly against Dover (TTV). Once again, it's a battle that the BBC looks certain to win, despite the fact that the Unijet resort representatives have already been the basis of a Back to the Floor occumentary this autumn. Those blue polyester blazers were back.

Anything with lots of sunshine is bound to have the edge in the

CHANNEL 4

5.45am Secame Street (28917) 7.00 The Big

9.00 Schools: Off Limits (5608608) 9.25

Schools at Work (1072801) 9.30 Eureka! (T) (4520269) 9.45 Stop, Look, Listen (T) (7770733) 10.02 Lost Animals (4615795)

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11.30 Sophie's Mest Course Pork (1/5) (r) (T) (1240) 12.00 Sesama Street (66917) 12.30pm Light Lunch (90375) 1.30 Dan

2.00 Racing from Cheltenham the 2.25, 3.00, 3.35 and 4.05 races (590849)

4.30 Countsloven (1) (1878240) 4.55 Rickl Lake: The British Nanny Case — Should Working Mothers Entrust Their Babies to

6.00 TFI Friday The guests include the actor Bob Hoskins and the England striker Les

7,55 The Political Slot An MP offers an

(8.00pm) Pen ejapipes a prickly pear

8.30 Brookside Elsenor gets a big surprise

9.00 Friends: The One with the Dollhouse Joey thinks he has found true love and

9.35 Cybill: Let's Stalk Comedy starring

10.00 Fresier: Three Dates and a Break-Up Frasier enjoys three dates with different women on one weekend (T) (67646)

10.30 Rory Bremner — Who Else? Political satire and well-observed impressions

11.10 Crapston Villas Animated autoritan

11.25 TFI.Friday (r) (237801) 12.30am Britannia Hospital: (1982). A block

from Bremner, aided and abetted by John Bird and John Fortune (265849)

Cybill Shepherd (T) (192901)

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(379795)

World The last of the series is from southern California's Anzaborrego desert

Chandler starts dating Rachel's boss (1)

opinion on an issue of the day (383627)

Ferdinand (59838)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (410849)

Strangers? (T) (9623795) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (358)

Breakfast (23375)

mixed up with a hint of sex (so far. more talked about than done), heaps of embarrassment and, last night at least, one genuine disaster, what chance does a fly-onthe-dreary-harbour-wall of the port of Dover have? Sadiy, not

It is sad, because Dover is the far more honest series. While Holiday Reps thinks nothing of leaving a camera crew with the 17-year-old who is house-sitting while his parents go off for a week in Lanzarote ("no Mum - no parties. no drinking, no women"). Dover rather touchingly places its faith in real life.

The yachts didn't sink in the storm; Scooby, the sniffer dog. didn't find any drugs, and the one slightly angry passenger eventually settled for the midnight ferry. Mind you, if the sisters cut up

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haliga 6.00am Business Breakfast (35207) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (50527) 9.00 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1) (5615998) 9.25 Style Challenge (5627733) 9.25 Style Change (1) (4972725)

10.30 Change That (3280527) 10.55 The Really Useful Show (T) (7912337)

11.35 Real Rooms A Georgian bathroom in Cheltenham is given a new lease of life by Simon Blagi and the experts (1815658).

12.00 News (1) regional news and weather 12.05pm Call My Bluff (8163527) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (8163527) 12.35 Give Us A Clue (2321086) 1.00 News and weather (44444) 1.30 Regional News (84442578) 1.40 The Weather Show (59993443)

1.45 Neighbours (T) (44448511) 2.05 Quincy (r) (2015356) 2.55 Terry and June (r) (7032849)

3.30 Playdays (r) (8206801) 3.50 Deer Mr Barker (3978240) 4.05 The All New Popeye Show (T) (5404191) 4.10 Casper (5616789) 4.35 Record Breakers (T) (1882801) 5.00 Newsround (T) (5523424) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (9474424) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (983153) 6.00 News (T) and weather (559) 6.30 Regional News Magistres (1) (511) -7.00 Westend Watchdog with Arne Robinson The consumer crusaders blow

the whistle on more dodgy dealers and scame in the leisure industry (T) (4630) at Crerran 7.30 Top of the Pope (7) (795)

8.00 EastEnders Nigel finally finds out what has been troubling Clare. (T) (6578) 8.30 999 Lifesavers Personal tales of triumph in the face of adversity, including a rider whose horse collapsed on top of her. leaving her trapped and unable to breatre, Troops rescue a bear trapped in Bosnian cossilier "and coursellors" attempt to lessen of the coursellors after an accident (1) (5085).

9,00 News (1); regional news and weather.

9.36 The Haunting of Lisa (1995) Thriller starring Charyl Ledd, Duncan Regen and daughter experiences terrifying visions finds that a sinister recent errival in town in planning a murder spree, Directed by Don McBrearty (T) (37240) WALES: Satellite City, Last in the comedy series (80085) 10.60 FILM: The Haunting of Lisa. (51341849) 12.20mm FILM: Doctor In Distress (415931) 2.00 News and Weather (6520459) 2.65 Join BBC News

11,00 Full Circle with Michael Palln (r)

11.50 Doctor in Distress (1963) Dirk Bogarde, in his last appearance as the amorous romantic problems, only to be given the responsibility of playing Cupid for his pompous boss James Robertson Justice. Directed by Reigh Thomas

1.30 am Weather (9408554) 1.35 Join BBC News 24 (5671134)

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7.00am See Hear Breakfast News (7) (8939725) 7.15 Teletubbles (r) (4086608) 7.40 Smuris (1) (2360849) 8.05 Smert (r) (1) (2940646) 8.30 William's Wish Wellingtons (9744998) 8.35 Wishing (r) (4631172) 8.45 The Record (9636627)

BBC2

9.10 Music Makers (2230559) 9.30 Watch (4528801) 9.45 Come Outside (4523356) 10.00 Telestubbies (92917) 10.30 Look and Read (2445801) 10.50 The Art (2432337) 11.10 Landmerks (1) (1658288) 11.30 English File (6172) 12.00 Scene (1) (71849)

12.30pm Working Lunch (91191) 1.00 The Little Polar Bear (r) (64348658) 1.05 Pingu (r) (65798199) 1.10 The Art and Artiques Hour (6466240)

2.10 Tennis Coverage of the quarter finals of the Guardian Direct National hempionships from Telford (913733)

4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (424) 4.30 Through the Keyhole (r) (1881172) 4.55 Esther (9638627) 5.30 Today's the Day (288) 6.00 The Simpsons Bart and Lisa take an aptitude test at school (T) (205795) 6.20 Ren and Stimpy (r) (T) (209511)

6.45 Electric Circus Entertainment news (381849)

7.00 Top Gear Motoraport Australia plays host to the perultimate leg of the World Rally Championahio (8172) Show An investigation into the experiment in which eight people were sealed inside a glass bubble in the Arizona desert — a "ministure world" costing billions of dollars: (337).

War Walte 11 Professor Richard Holmes well at the site of the 1066 Battle of Hastings (7) (7820) 8.30 Geoff Hamilton's Paradice Gardens (r) · (T) (3627) 9:00 Shooting Stars (r) (T) (5207)



The Fast Show New series of cornedy ekstches, with old characters joined by a few new ones (T) (88627)

10.06 Have I Got News for You The guesta are Kirsty Young and Graham Garden (72578)

10,30 Newsylgitz (T) (254733) *** 11.15 lealth Berlin A tribute to the philosopher

and first President of Wolfson College, Oxford who died last week (216129) 12.05 They Watch (1993) Ghostly drame based on a short story by Rudyard Kipling. With Patrick Bergin and Vanessa Redgrave. Directed by John Korty (674757)

1.40em Village of the Demned (1960) Earle Schli chiller with George Sanders, Barbara Shelley and Michael Gwynn. Directed by Wolf Filia (1) (3147080) 2.50 Weather (6503979)

6.00am GMTV (4187288) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (5603153) 9.55 Regional News (T) (6120882) 10.00 The Time, the Place (89443)

10.30 This Morning with Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (T) (48406827) 12.20pm Regional News (6391153) 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (1) (2340191)

12.55 WALES: Dogs With Dunbar (2325882) 12.55 Moneyspinners (2325882) 1,25 Home and Away Rebecca gets a flat tyre

in the middle of nowhere, Joey collapses at the beach house. All and Fisher bond (1) (82947545) 1.50 Murder, She Wrote: Night of the Coyota (5774608)

2.50 WALES: The Puise (1) (8768443) 2.50 Yan Can Cook — The Best of China (1) (B766443)

3,20 News (T) (8078801) 3.25 Regional News (T) (8077172) 3.30 Jays' World (3992820) 3.40 Tech (3989356) 3.55 Bernard's Watch (8270004) 4.15 The Best of Hey Amold! (8961658) 4.40 Fun House (9938801)

5.10 A Country Practice Bill Moss meets a mermaid on the beach (9936375) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News (I) (166659) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (1) (117065)

6.25 Regional Weather (489820) 6.30 Regional News (T) (207) 7.00 Bruce's Price is Right (1) (2998) 7.30 Coronation Street Nick and Leanna's

love nest leaves a little to be desired. Maxine is distressed to see Audrey settling in at the salon (I) (191) 8.00 The BUL: No Trace A disenchanted Steve Loxion finally leaves the force for good. But before he goes he has an old score to settle. With Torn Butcher (1) (1646)

8.30 Eye Spy (9563)

Julie Walters patrois the dunes (9.00)

Julie Watters is an Allen in Miami Julie tries her hand at a variety of jobs including catching alligators and setting multimillion-dollar houses (T) (6207)

10.00 News at Ten (T) (69004) 10.30 Regional News (638801)

10.40 The Nightman (1991) Erotic thriller with Joenna Kems and Jenny Robertson. Directed by Charles Haid (34934646)

12.30 The Paul Ross Show (640950) 2.05 Dead Reckoning (1990) Drama with Cliff Robertson, Susan Blakely and Rick Springfield. Directed by Robert Lewis

3.40 Collins and Meconie's Movie Club (r) (56740641) 4.10 Coach (8573979) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (1) (83283)

5.30 News (76318)

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6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (70608)

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9.00 Rhwng Duw a Dyn (4849) 10.00 Brookside (560646) 10.35 Friends (155627)

11.05 Rory Bremner — Who Else? (585375) 11.45 Crapaton Villas (572066) 12.00 TFI Friday (9851318) 1.05am Film: Britannia Hospital (84275047)

3.10 Film: Steamboat Round the Be

comedy about a strike-bound hospital prepering for a royal visit. Starring Leonard Rossiter, Graham Crowden and Malcolm McDowell. Directed by Lindsay 2.35 Steemboat Round the Bend (1935, b/w) Will Rogers stars as a showboat captain looking for a witness who can clear his nephew, who is accused o

4.10 Attenborough (r) (54020115) 4.30 Flava (r) (38221) 5.00 Captain Butler (r) (T) (8957405)

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(1449527)8.30 WideWorld Series on human migration (8/10) (2899068)

9.00 Espresso Consumer affairs magazine (2697714) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (8794066) 10.30 Was it Good for You? (r) (2994612) 11.00 Leeza Chat show hosted by Leeza Gibbons (7342820) 11.50 Double Espresso (94526820) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8299004) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (8539153)

1.00 5 News Update (66397379) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (3328627) 2.00 5's Company (8396795)

3.30 The Daughter of Rosle O'Gredy (1950) starring June Haver, Gordon MacRee and James Barton, A musical about the daughter of a song-and-dance man who disobeys her tather and follows in his footsteps. Directed by David Butler (2656085)

5.30 Whittle Game show (T) (3783375) 6.00 100 Per Cent (3780288)

6.30 Family Affairs (T) (3764240) 7.00 Name That Tune Music quiz (5362714) 7.30 Exclusive (3760424)

8.00 Jenny Eciair Squats (5371462) 8.30 5 News (T) (5367269)

9.00 Stranger in My Bed (1985) starring Lindsey Wagner and Armande Assame. Fact-besed drame about a housewife whose life is turned upside down after a Car crash leaves her a total amnesiac. Larry Elikann directs (79479714)



Secret agent Peta Wilson (10.55pm) 10.55 La Fomme Nüdta starring Peta Wilson

(4901172) 11.50 Coyote (1992) starring Mitsou and Patrick Labbé. Drama about a young woman whose affair with a film-maker by Richard Clupka (5850998)

1.45 am Book of Numbers (1973) starring and directed by Raymond St Jacques. Depression era drama (1959979)

3.15 Orphan Train (1979) starring Jill Elkenberry, Kevin Dobson and Glenn Close, A social worker in 1890s America charters a train to carry a group of New York orphans in search of new families in the west. William A Graham directs the fact-based drama (77756863)

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8.00mm Morning Glory (847135) 9.00 Registent Kathe Lee (33836) 10.00 Another World (54646) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (44882) 12.00 Opreh Wartney (10240) 1.00pm Geratico (36286) 2.00 Sethy Jessy Rephasel (40578) 3.00 Jenny Jones (36714) 4.00 Opreh Wintery (55846) 6.00 Set Treic Voyager (4375) 6.00 Shoutiz Weeldy (7377 8.30 Meethol. with Children (1987) 7.00 The Strengeric (5904) 7.30 Red TV (7337) 8:30 Meeted, with Children F197-77.
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4.00pm Battle of the Butge (1985) (6826424) 6.30 Duel (1971) (1611820) 8.80 Suspect (1987) (2895085) 10.00 Trespors (1990) (8503289) 11.35 Blood-

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England's wayward star may leave Britain after World Cup

Gascoigne plans final farewell

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

PAUL GASCOIGNE, who has combined being one of the finest English players of his generation with a more lurid role as a walking national soap opera, gave the first hint yesterday that he may retire from top-level club football after the World Cup finals in France next summer to escape from the media attention that dogs his every move.

Gascoigne, who burst into the public consciousness with a series of outstanding performances during England's run to the World Cup semi-finals in Italy seven years ago, said that he was considering ending his career in British football after the finals next year and winding down his playing days in the United States:

Even though he will still have two years left on his contract with Rangers, he said that he had been assured by David Murray, the club chairman, and Walter Smith, the manager, that they would not stand in his way. He

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mentioned the possibility of playing in Japan, but it is Major League Soccer in the United States that appeals to

Gascoigne, 30, said he would make his decision after England's involvement in the World Cup next summer is over. If he felt that he could still make a contribution to Rangers and play some part in England's qualifying cam-paign for the European championship in Belgium and Holland in 2000, he said, then he might see out his contract

He seemed relaxed and happy, but made it plain that he is growing ever more weary of the constant intrusion into his private life. It was obvious that he was not making threats so that people would try to dissuade him. The idea of an environment where he can appear larger than life and not be pilloried for it is exerting a strong hold.



Gascoigne takes time out during training with England yesterday to consider his future after the World Cup finals in France next summer

As the England squad prepared at Bisham Abbey for the international against Camertomorrow, Gascoigne said: "I see myself ending my in Britain

Rangers.
"I have still got two years on my contract after the World Cup, but if I do feel I need to leave Rangers it will not be for another club in Britain. If I leave, it will be abroad, not for a last challenge but a break

from all the pressure. I like the idea of America. Once you are famous there, you are famous for the rest of your life and they adore you for the rest of your life. I love it there - and

they do great pina coladas." Gascoigne, who is almost certain to play against Cameroon, said that he had been "unbalanced" by the recent transfer speculation over a move to either Aston Villa or Crystal Palace that had raged around him. He said that he had spoken to Murray and Smith and they had told him that if he wanted to go, they would try to facilitate the move

They said that if I was

unhappy, they would do everything possible to help Gascoigne said. "I just said: 'No I want to do everything possible for Rangers and England.' After that, I will speak to Glenn Hoddle, Walter Smith and Terry Venables and take their advice. If I feel I might be able to help Rangers any more, I might stay and I.

consideration. "I have not got any problems about playing anywhere in the world. If I want to enjoy the last few years of my career abroad, then I will do that but it will definitely be after the World Cup. If I feel I have had enough, then I will just up

will have to take England into

and go. My ambition at the moment is to win everything for Rangers, give them 110 per cent, get in the World Cup squad and then take it from there and consider my next option.
"This is my last chance at a

World Cup, without a doubt. I don't think I have done too badly considering the injuries I have had, but I want to go out on a high. I want to be regarded as one of the best in the world, one of the top men. I have not got anything to prove. There won't be a £15 million move waiting for me around the corner, so I can just relax and enjoy myself at the very top."

Hoddle, the England coach, confirmed that Gascoigne was guaranteed a place in his final 22-man squad for France, providing that he maintained his recent impressive form. "Playing like he is playing." Hoddle said, "there is no better midfielder in the

"I am seeing a little bit of maturity from him now. He is realising that there is a team situation. It is not just what he can do. That is where the

penny is dropping."

Would Hoddle consider picking someone who was playing in the United States?
"I will answer that if anyone goes there," he said.

De Glanville back to face **Australians**

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE withdrawal of Alex King from the England team to play portunity to shrug off memories of the last meeting between the countries. The Bath centre steps up from the colleague, Mike Catt, moves across to replace the unfortu-nate King at fly half.

Four months ago, Glanville, as England captain, led his side into the contest for the inaugural Cook Cup in tries to nil, de Glanville was below par and, this season lost not only the captaincy to Lawrence Dallaglio but his place in the side. Now he has the chance of redemption in a back division containing three other Bath players.

King, however, must go through the disappointment of watching from the sidelines after being given an early opportunity to stake his claims to the No 10 jersey. Words of reassurance from the team nanagement, that his chance will come again and quickly, will mean nothing for the moment, though his decision to withdraw yesterday morn-ing reflects credit on the young Wasps fly half.

Three weeks ago he required keyhole surgery to a damaged knee. He played through the Heineken Cup quarter-final against Brive on Sunday despite twice requirmistic that the knee would hold up for the international. "But when I woke up I felt that it was not yet 100 per cent," King, who has put the injury through intensive training.

King, a replacement before Christmas last season, was demonstrably disappointed last March when Jack Rowell, then the England coach, called up. Roh Andrew for bench duty against Wales. He was capped as a replacement in the second meeting with Argenti-na in Buenos Aires in June but Australia would have been his first start in an international. This is probably the biggest disappointment of them all but life goes on and I'll be back," King said.

Paul Grayson, the Northampton fly half, has been added to the replacements but King's withdrawal leaves a heavy goalkicking burden on Catt. Grayson, after all, has

Franklins Gardens in recent weeks to Matt Dawson. However, now that David Alred has been taken on full-time to help to coach England, his specialist kicking skills will benefit all the backs, among them Matt Perry, who would be the back up if Catt was out

All being well, King's chance will come against New Zealand or South Africa dur-ing England's intensive pre-Christmas programme. Until then, Catt, playing in his club position rather than centre. will keep the place warm. Seven of his 23 caps have been at fly half and he made five appearances there for the British Isles during the summer, including the final international against South Africa in

he presion Sado

To that extent it is not a



De Glanville back

significant disruption, though Clive Woodward, the coach, will regret not having an early opportunity to see King display his wares. "Alex is certainly a bigger man than I was a year ago against Argentina," Catt, who took a chest injury into that game place), said.

Meanwhile, can put the record straight That game [in Sydney] wat the lowest point of my five years in international rugby, he said reflecting on a match in which two missed tackles led directly to Australian tries in a 25-6 defeat. "I have felt a lot more relaxed this season maybe it is a case of not taking things too seriously - and I have started to enjoy my rugby again."

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The Ryder Cup has a lot to answer for. Although the excitement it has generated in recent years has enthralling team events in any sport, it has also spawned a series of lookalike competitions that come fizzing off the copying machine every couple

of years.

The first was the Solheim Cup, named after Karsten Solheim, the man who invented the Ping putter. It is contested every two years by the women professional golfers of the United States and Europe.
Though Europe predictably

lost the first encounter, at Lake Nona, Florida, in 1990, the success of the biennial event was assured when, led by a rampant Laura Davies, they unexpectedly triumphed in Edinburgh in 1992.

The next competition to be dreamt up was the Presidents Cup, conceived as a means of giving many of the world's best players from outside Europe, men like Ernie Els. Nick Price, Greg Norman, Vijay Singh and Jumbo Ozaki, a chance to compete against the leading US professionals in a matchplay format. The Presidents Cup also event squeezed into the golfing calendar

matchplay practice in the year in which they are not playing in the Ryder Cup. Happily, it is devoid of the jarring sound of a sponsor's name in the bonour of the head of state meant that the US Tour could invite Gerald Ford, a former president, to serve as honor ary chairman for the first match, in 1994. George Bush acted in the same capacity for



the second match, which was beld in September last year. Now the marketing men. have come up with another team event, which starts today. This one is the European Cup, a three-day match between ten women professionals and ten men drawn from the ranks of the European

Seniors' Tour. Marie-Laure de Lorenzi will captain the nen's team, which contains five players who have competed in the Solheim Cup, including the estimable Ali-son Nicholas, the US Open champion and Europe's No.1, while Townsey Lorder while Tommy Horton leads

the over-50s. The format is five four-somes today, five four-balls tomorrow and ten singles on Sunday. The venue, Praia D'El Rey, an hour north of Lisbon, is on what is known as the Silver Coast, an area. according to the publicity, that has been influenced by the Phoenicians, Romans, Celts and Arabs, although not necessarily in that order.

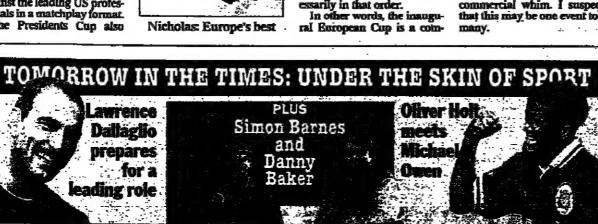
mercially-driven event that has been taken to a part of a country that needs publicity, where competitors are staying in a new hotel that wants its name to be better known and will play on a course that may well become outstanding but is so far untested because it has been in existence for less time than Labour have been

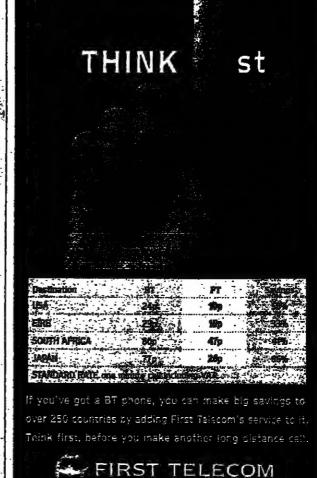
What will happen in this corner of Portugal over the next three days? Will this event be so successful that it will become a legitimate competition or will it merely be another end of season bonanza that clever businessment with axes to grind have man aged to persuade golf officially into thinking is necessary?

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of team events, in what is essentially an individual game, hopes it works. So far, though, with the cacophonic sounds of building work rising up to leaden skies, the ens are not good. The year consists of only 52 weeks and four seasons but the trend is to try and squeeze more and more tournaments into the time available, to satisfy some commercial whim. I suspect that this may be one event too

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